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Quote for the day:

Many are saved from sin by being so inept at it.

— Mignon McLaughlin

This day in *The Gateway's* history:

More than 75 students slept on concrete overnight to keep their place in line to apply to be put on a waiting list for housing in HUB. Rent in HUB was \$155 a month for a single unfurnished suite, \$215 for a double, and \$335 for a four-bedroom.

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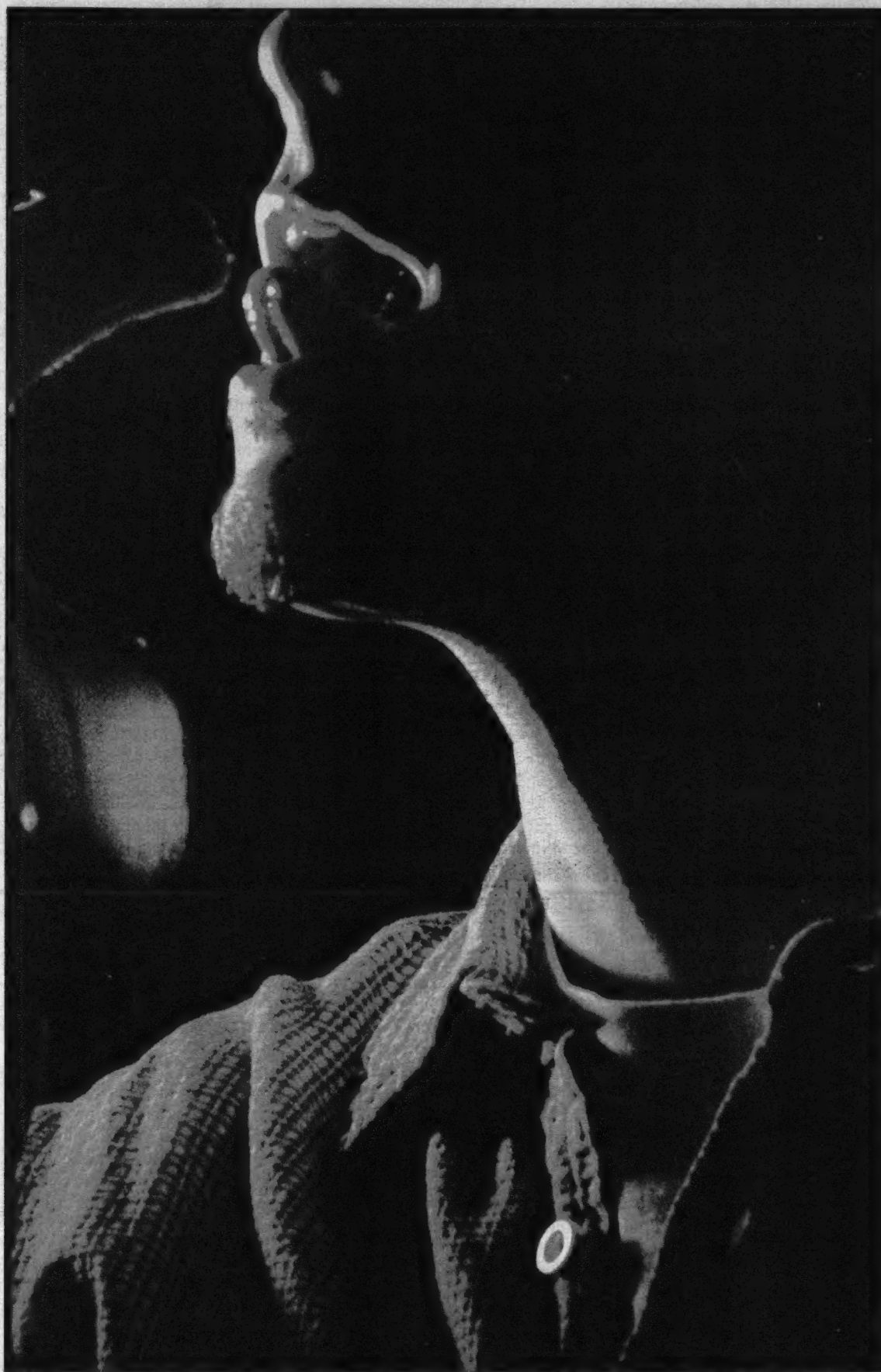
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Corrections:

On Tuesday (not Thursday) February 8, *The Gateway* cited Dr Stan Houston as a Nobel Peace Prize winner. Although he himself is not a Nobel laureate, Houston was affiliated with the group that did win the prize, Doctors Without Borders. But here's to a Nobel prize someday soon, Dr Houston. Our apologies.

In the same paper, we reported that Dan Pretzlaff was the Director of Physical Plant. He was instead the Acting Director of Construction Project Management Services. Our apologies for the confusion—again.

Please recycle this newspaper



This young man really, really enjoys bananas. Rate your own sensual limits on page 10, it's purity test time.

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Admin backs down on differential tuition

New plan is for 6.2% rise across-the-board

Christie Tucker
News Editor

The battle seems to have come to an end, at least for those students fighting against differential tuition rates at the U of A.

On Tuesday, February 8, Vice-President (Academic) and Provost Doug O'ram sent a notice to the Budget Advisory Committee notifying them that his formal recommendation to the Academic Planning Committee would be for an across-the-board increase for all students.

This position is a reversal from the administration's January proposal, which recommended a 5.7 per cent increase for Arts, Science, Native Studies, and Graduate students, 10 per cent for Medicine students, and 8.1 per cent for all other faculties.

Students were originally told that a flat-rate increase would balance out to 6.86 per cent.

But in the letter released Tuesday, O'ram said that the administration would be able to decrease that flat rate from 6.86 per cent to 6.2 per cent.

"During this past week, meetings between my office and that of the Vice-President (Finance and Administration) have been working to find means by which some additional movement was possible. We now feel it is financially feasible to reduce the proposed increase ..." O'ram wrote.

PLEASE SEE "TUITION" ON PAGE 3

GSA and admin haggle over distribution of "goodwill" money

Michael Winters
News Staff

Graduate Students' Association (GSA) President Laura Bonnett is frustrated with University administration's handling of compensation for graduate students whose paycheques were delayed due to computer glitches early this year.

After a second wave of computer problems in October of last year, the GSA and administration decided to pay out \$20 000 in compensation money.

Half of the money went to direct compensation for grad students,

and the rest went to "goodwill" funds that included travel grants and bursaries for the GSA.

According to Bonnett, the GSA was originally asked to distribute all of the funds itself, but November's GSA council rejected administering compensation money.

"Many of the councillors felt that it was the responsibility of the administration," she explained.

The GSA decided to deal only with the \$10 000 of "goodwill" money instead. "We had a working group from council to set out the ways the money could be distributed through the GSA office," said Bonnett.

The GSA chose to let the grad students decide how to spend the money.

The council approved recommendations in December, but when Bonnett took the GSA's requests to the VP (Finance)'s office, she was told that distributing the funds themselves was not an option anymore.

"They said they were going to take it from there," she explained. "I found it really frustrating because we put a lot of effort in consulting with our members and determining what they wanted," Bonnett said.

PLEASE SEE "GSA" ON PAGE 2

SUB expansion iced

Ryan Smith
News Editor

Students' Union representatives and U of A administrators failed to agree on plans to expand SUB, SU President Mike Chalk announced at the SU council meeting Tuesday night.

"I'd like to thank all those who worked so hard to try to make [SUB expansion] happen, especially [SU General Manager] Bill Smith, but I think no one feels more regret than I do right now," Chalk said.

One main negotiation sticking point was the SU's proposal to increase the Bookstore's rent in SUB by about \$50 000 per year in

order to help the SU pay off the debt expanding SUB would have incurred.

SU General Manager Bill Smith said, "If we increased foot traffic in SUB five per cent through the expansion, then each person would have to spend 75 cents more a year to pay for [the increase in rent], but there wasn't much receptiveness on the University's part to this idea."

Smith also noted that rent for the Bookstore has not been raised since 1984—two renovations ago.

"When we renovated in 1993 we asked the Bookstore to help by paying higher rent, but that fell on deaf ears," he said.

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LRT extension proposed by coalition group

Ian Mulder
News Staff

A newly formed coalition of citi-
zens and politicians has been
formed to tackle the ongoing issue
of transportation in the city of
Edmonton.

The coalition, entitled the Capital
Region LRT Group is seeking to
expand the routing of the Light Rail
Transit system from the University
to Heritage Mall. Eventually the
hope is to link the rail up to
Millwoods and beyond. This will all
be part of a massive transportation
corridor through the city that may
eventually include the Edmonton
International Airport, Fort
Saskatchewan, Sherwood Park,
and St Albert.

Mike Nickel, businessman and
former mayoral candidate, is head-
ing up the group, though he
describes his position as more of a
"pointman."

"We've tried to amass a team of
doers here," he said. Currently on
board are Counsellor Bryan
Anderson, who represents the

*We need better mass tran-
sit in this city. The only
question is the money.*

— Wendy Kinsella,
Councillor, Ward One

University area, and Counsellor
Michael Phair, as well as local MP
Ian McClelland.

According to Nickel, Capital
Region LRT Group was formed to
open up the civic dialogue and pro-
vide alternatives to those put forth
by the City. The City of Edmonton
has a ten-year LRT plan on the
table. The public is unclear on
what it consists of, although
Heritage and Millwoods are
thought to be part of it.

"This is a thirty-year plan that
involves massive planning," said
Nickel. "It won't happen overnight.
We are seeking to put the pieces
together and get ahead before we
run into serious [transportation]
problems."

Nickel referred to the increasing
size of southeast Edmonton, as
well as gridlock problems that

already plague areas around the
University and St Albert Trail.

The impetus for the Coalition
arose from the results of a focus
group that involved professors
from the Political Science depart-
ment. The focus group looked at
transportation issues in the city
and, according to Nickel, deter-
mined that the LRT system was
something that required expan-
sion.

Ward One Councillor Wendy
Kinsella welcomes the notion of an
expanded LRT system. "I think the
idea is great. We need better mass
transit in this city. The only ques-
tion is the money," she said.

Nickel suggests that the money
could come from a variety of
sources, though he claims that it is
too early to talk about specifics.

Kinsella suggested that the 5 per
cent provincial fuel tax could be
allocated to support such projects.
The city will also be applying for
federal funding.

The total cost has been projected
to be over \$350 million. The
Heritage link itself will likely cost
\$38 million per kilometre.

GSA loses control over \$10 000 gift

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"\$10 000 is not a lot of money, so
it's rather patronizing to say that
perhaps the GSA is not responsible
enough to administer \$10 000. It's
the University's prerogative to
change its mind, but it erodes trust
with students and administration,
she said."

Wanda Wetterberg, Associate VP
(Human Resources Services), said
the administration chose to handle
the money because it would be eas-
ier for them to distribute it. "We
have the mechanisms [to] adminis-
ter travel funds and bursaries. It's
a business we're in ... We have the
administrative infrastructure in
place. We took the concerns out-
lined by the GSA very seriously,"
said Wetterberg, adding that the
University doesn't plan to distrib-
ute the money differently than the
way the GSA requested.

She said that the problem was a
breakdown in communication. "It's
unfortunate ... There were big lags
in time and clearly there was a
misunderstanding and we were not
as clear as we should have been."

Tuition proposal brings 6.2% increase for everyone

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Since differential tuition was
proposed, O'ram has presented the
administration's case at
Students' Union Council, Graduate
Students' Council, and a public
town hall meeting.

"In those meetings, and in feed-
back from various bodies, there
[sic] repeated statements of con-
cern about the principle of differ-
ential tuition. Though I still believe
moderate differentiation has merit,
I recognize the opposition inherent
in motions of the Students' Union,
GSA, and even bodies that stand to
lose, such as the Arts Students'
Association," he wrote.

Kory Zwack, Vice-President
(Programs and Events) of the Arts
Students' Association, said that the
ASA is pleased that the rise is
lower than administration had
warned students it would be. "But
we've always said that no increase
would be the best," he said.

The ASA supported an across-
the-board increase, despite the
extra cost to Arts students, because
they felt a smaller increase than in
other faculties might lessen the
value of an Arts degree. "We were
worried that it might become a sec-
ond-class degree," Zwack said.

Laura Bonnett, President of the
Graduate Students' Association,
was divided on O'ram's decision.

"On the one hand, I was happy to
see that they've backed away from
differential tuition between facul-
ties. At the same time, now grad
students will be faced with, instead
of a 5.7 per cent increase, an
increase of 6.2 per cent," she said.

Bonnett said that the GSA has
been lobbying for an increase of
between zero and two per cent for
graduate students, emphasizing
the different role graduate stu-
dents play in the University arena.

Bonnett said the fact that gradu-
ate students often act as teachers,
students, and researchers, as well
as having larger debts and access
to fewer bursaries, puts them in a
different category from the majori-
ty of students at the U of A.

"We were hoping the administra-
tion would recognize that and
somehow financially compensa-
te us," she said.

Students' Union President Mike
Chalk said he was "happy to see
differential off the books. It was
deeply flawed."

Chalk pointed out that the 6.2 per
cent increase was one of the small-
est the University has had in at
least ten years.

"We still have plenty of work to
do," said Chalk. "But finally, tuition
is heading in the right direction."

The proposal will be voted on by
the Board of Governors on March 3.

Admin and SU can't come to agreement

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U of A Vice-President (Finance
and Administration), Glenn Harris,
said, "We volunteered from the
beginning that we were prepared to
pay market rates for the
Bookstore's rent, but we had trou-
ble determining just what market
rates for that space are. We said
we were happy to go to an arbitra-
tor to decide this, but there just
wasn't enough time to work that
out."

Chalk said, "We feel the book-
store space is undervalued, but
we're not comfortable proceeding
with expansion before going to a
real estate arbitrator who might
not agree with us, which would
leave us on the hook for a lot of
money."

However, in response to one
councillor's suggestion that the SU
raise the Bookstore's rent anyway,
Chalk said, "The Bookstore is on a
month to month lease. They could
pull out on a week's notice, or we
could expel them on a week's
notice. ... We're not going to do any-
thing rash, but we are looking into
all of our options."

Another barrier to the SU's \$3.5
million expansion plan was the
administration's reluctance to
guarantee the SU's loan from the

bank. As well, the University was
not comfortable with the SU's plan
to reorganize SUB's office space.
Harris said, "We were prepared to
invest and buy space in the
expanded building, but the SU
came back to us with specifics
about how they would allocate
space, and I didn't feel I could rec-
ommend the SU's proposal to our
Board."

Also, the SU was hoping the
University would pay at least half
of the cost of putting in a new stair-
well.

"The SU was asking for financial
support that, again, I wasn't pre-
pared to recommend to our Board.
... I think both sides were genuin-
ely prepared to make the project go,
it's just unfortunate we couldn't
work it out," Harris said.

As for the SU's options now,
Chalk said he thinks the SU should
put the money they were going to
spend into reserve rather than
spend it improving current student
services, as one SU councillor sug-
gested at Tuesday's meeting.

"We saw SUB expansion as an
investment that would have paid
for itself in time, so I think we
should save our money so we can
continue to pursue this idea in the
future," Chalk said.

CAMPUS CRIME BEAT

Newton nagglers nabbed?

On February 5, two male sus-
pects were seen to be causing mis-
chief in Newton Place. The apart-
ment complex has lately been the
scene of a rash of criminal activi-
ties. Damage to the carpark was
sustained as well as to a vehicle.
Constables heard suspicious nois-
es and, when they moved in to
investigate, found the mischief in
progress. A short foot chase
ensued, after which both suspects
were apprehended and charged
with mischief under the criminal

code. They may also face charges
under the University's Code of
Student Behaviour.

High-speed collision

On February 4 at about 9:30pm,
a vehicle with substantial front-
end damage was stopped by con-
stables near HUB. When ques-
tioned, the driver admitted to hav-
ing hit a pole in front of the
Administration Building. The con-
stables determined alcohol was a
factor and he was handed a 24-hr
license suspension. A witness saw

the vehicle travelling at 80-100 kph
down 114 Street towards the
administration building before it
struck the pole.

Youth at large

On February 7th, a constable
was approached by a passer-by in
HUB mall who recognized a youth
who was at large from a treatment
facility. Once the 17-year old saw
the constable, he bolted, but was
apprehended a short time later.
When his file was run, it was found
that he was wanted on a warrant

for being unlawfully at large. It
was also determined that he was a
definite risk to the community.

Tire-puncturing hijinks

The owner of a 1999 Dodge truck
owner is the latest victim of van-
dalism in Stadium carpark. After
parking his car on the top level of
the lot, the owner returned to his
vehicle to find that all four of his
tires were punctured. If you have
any information on this or any
other incidents on campus, please
contact Campus 5-0.

Compiled by Barrie Tanner. If you have witnessed a crime on campus that should be published, please contact us at 492-5068 or news@su.ualberta.ca.

New blue phones connect students with extra security

Ryan Smith
News Editor

Perverts, muggers and other such deviants beware: campus emergency blue phones are here to marginalize you even further. After three years in development, three phones have been installed on campus to increase U of A student and staff safety.

The phones, located at the Southeast corner of the Stadium car park, near the LRT station between HUB and the Dentistry-Pharmacy building, and at the Southwest corner of the Biological Science building, were bought at a total cost of approximately \$100 000, according to Campus Security Director Brian McLeod.

McLeod said the majority of funding for the project came from Telus and the U of A's Affinity program. Additional funds were provided by the U of A's Housing and Food services, U of A's Parking services, and the office of the Associate Vice-President (Operations and Resources). "This is an excellent example of collaboration among many groups at the U of A to take our comfort of security to a new level," McLeod said.

According to SU Vice-President Heather Clark, the phones are easy to use. "You just push the big red button on the blue pole and that

activates a two-way link to Campus Security."

McLeod said pressing the button will also engage a camera that sends video images to campus security officials who can turn the camera by remote to scan the area.

Clark said the phones are meant to be used in "any emergency situation, for example if someone is being attacked or followed, or just needs help for any reason."



A new emergency blue phone, along with 5-0's new truck.

Dan Janecowicz / THE GATEWAY

Students address ethics of animal organ transplants

Adam Houston
News Staff

Perhaps not everyone can have a heart of gold, but new medical advances make it possible to have the heart of a pig.

This summer, Dustin Bateyko, a fourth-year business student, hopes to travel to Harvard University in Boston, where he will join a small group of Canadian students volunteering for an international bioethics project on the topic of xenotransplantation.

As Bateyko explained, Xenotransplantation is the science devoted to transplanting animal organs into humans. With a shortage of available human tissues, the use of animal substitutes is attracting a lot of scientific attention, and with it concern over the proper use of the technology.

The eventual goal of the Harvard project, Bateyko said, is to have the recommendations of the project recognized and enforced internationally by organizations such as the United Nations. Organizers hope that the project will serve as a case study in bioethics, leading to the development of standards in other areas within the field.

According to Bateyko, a key topic of concern will be monitoring transplant recipients in order to make sure no unwanted side-effects occur. The most worrying possibility, Bateyko said, is that of a disease associated with the transplant animal being passed into the human population. Such an inter-species jump is now considered to be the origin of the HIV virus. With the possibility of such

an occurrence, delegates must try to balance the goal of saving the lives of those needing transplants with the possible endangerment of millions more. The life-long monitoring of transplant recipients and their close contacts, an expensive but necessary precaution, would likely be required.

Other topics will include the welfare of the animals involved and guidelines for dealing with new technologies that have emerged in the past few years. Participants in the project hope to create an ethical framework without slowing the progress of new scientific study.

Although the project will take place over a two-year period, Bateyko will be taking part in a four-month summer session, in which he will be serving as a member of the Canadian Youth Team delegation. The Canadian Youth Team, including students from Ontario and British Columbia, will not only be participating in the main project, but will also be working with the American Youth Team towards the development of a teacher-training module directed towards high schools. The goal of this module will be to design material intended for teaching high school students about the ethical and societal issues that arise with the progress of science. Bateyko said he believes that the "by youth, for youth" approach is key to the development of the program.

Currently Bateyko, along with his fellow volunteers on the Youth Team, are trying to raise about \$16 000 each to cover the costs of participation. Despite the cost, he believes the outcome of the project will more than compensate.

Critics call federal student job program "corporate welfare"

Chris Bodnar
CUP OTTAWA BUREAU CHIEF

OTTAWA (CUP) — Taxpayer and student groups are criticizing the federal government for mishandling Canada's student job program. The controversy comes in the midst of allegations that Ottawa mismanaged \$1 billion in federal job grants.

Documents obtained from Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC) under the Access to Information Act show that numerous corporations are being subsidized to hire students over the summer.

The documents reveal that businesses such as Shoppers Drug Mart, Toronto Dominion Evergreen Investment Services, and Wal-Mart received federal HRDC grants under the Summer Career Placements program to hire students over the summer months in 1999.

The job grants are allocated to private sector, public sector and not-for-profit groups. Private sector recipients can receive up to 50 per cent of the cost of minimum wage for the program. Not-for-profit groups can have their entire cost covered.

Corporate job subsidies don't sit well with Walter Robinson, the federal director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation.

"In terms of all of these HRDC programs, we believe it's corporate welfare," said Robinson. "It's the misallocation of tax dollars."

Robinson says corporations already receive employment insurance premium relief for hiring students and that any further incentives to employ students should happen through tax cuts rather than program subsidies.

While the Taxpayers Federation advocates the elimination of job subsidy programs, the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) says the student job program—though needed—must be monitored more closely.

"We certainly do need a summer employment program, but it needs to be monitored closely," said Denise Doherty-Delorme, a CFS researcher. "[The program has] its snags and we would like it tidied up."

Doherty-Delorme says a problem with the current program is that it has significantly less funding than in previous years.

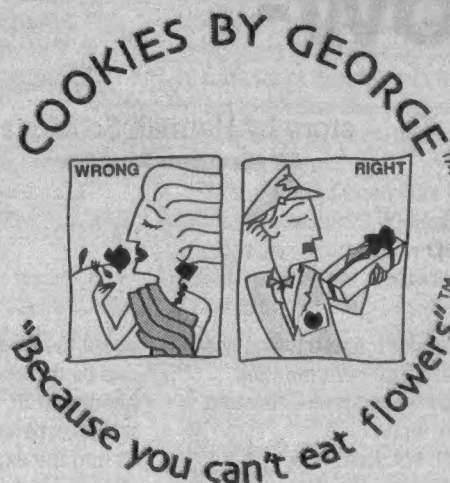
Since 1996, the summer employment program has received \$90 million a year. In contrast, the federal government gave out \$180 million in 1987 and 1988.

The program received its first cuts in 1990, and got a slight one-year boost in 1994 when \$108 million was given to summer job grants.

And while hourly rates and average summer wage figures were available prior to 1992, pay rates are no longer monitored. As well, while the CFS was previously able to monitor whether male and female students were being paid equally, these figures are no longer available.

"The biggest crux is that they cut and then they don't have the people to follow up on these programs," said Doherty-Delorme.

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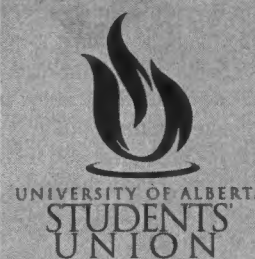
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growing up

story by Hannah Scissons
CUP SASKATCHEWAN BUREAU CHIEF

On the prairies

The Canadian prairie's small towns are seen as warm, close-knit communities where everyone knows everyone else and you're never really alone.

Writers like W.O. Mitchell, Max Braithwaite, and Sinclair Ross have idealized prairie life with heartwarming stories about coming of age in small prairie towns. The breathtaking beauty of the Canadian landscape, the heartiness required to survive Canadian winters—these are images strongly associated with small-town life.

These idyllic images are far from the truth for children who grew up in those same small towns knowing, or even thinking, they were gay. When they share their stories, what is striking is the lack of community many of them experienced. They were strangers, sometimes even within their own families.

It was not until they reached larger communities, most often at universities, that they became able to admit to themselves and to others who they really were and "come out."

Some of them still can't share their entire experience, and elect to keep their names hidden. In those cases, their name will appear in quotations the first time it is used.

SMALL-TOWN SASKATCHEWAN

Steven Jackson is a fourth-year film student at the University of Regina who grew up in small-town Manitoba, knowing there was something different about himself but not willing to confront what it might possibly be. He says his opinion towards his sexuality, that if he didn't think about it it didn't exist, is reflected in the attitude in many small towns towards gays and lesbians.

"The small town mentality is basically, if it's not in their face, then they won't deal with it," he said.

For young men and women with questions

about their sexual orientation, small towns can be the worst possible place to be. The need to fit in, to be like other kids their age, is exacerbated by the fact that if they don't fit into the expected mold of behaviour, there's nowhere else to turn.

For Steven, the fact that he was the only boy in his grade who didn't play hockey or get fazed by the "sexual education" part of health class were clues that he was different from everyone else, but he didn't dare deal with his questions about himself because there was nowhere to get the answers.

Regina) and addressing gay issues through his essays and films for class.

One of Steven's goals is to bring the issue of homosexuality more to light in his hometown, so that other young men and women won't have to go through the same process of withdrawal he went through. He knows, though, that the only way to accomplish it will be to go back there and share his experience.

Both Steven and his mother are concerned with the issue of education in small town communities. One of the first things they

not a pleasant experience, by any means."

He experienced extreme alienation, feeling singled out and made very aware of the fact that he was gay every day. Lewd comments were the norm, especially in junior high and high school when everyone his age was reaching puberty and beginning to feel attracted to the opposite sex.

Although Derek had a number of close friends who were very supportive of him when he came out, there were also too many of his fellow students who had homophobic attitudes.

"As a result of coming out in a small town, being gay is more a part of you, I think. You're forced to be more aware of it," Derek says. "Why? Because there aren't many gay people in small towns. It's like a freak show aspect."

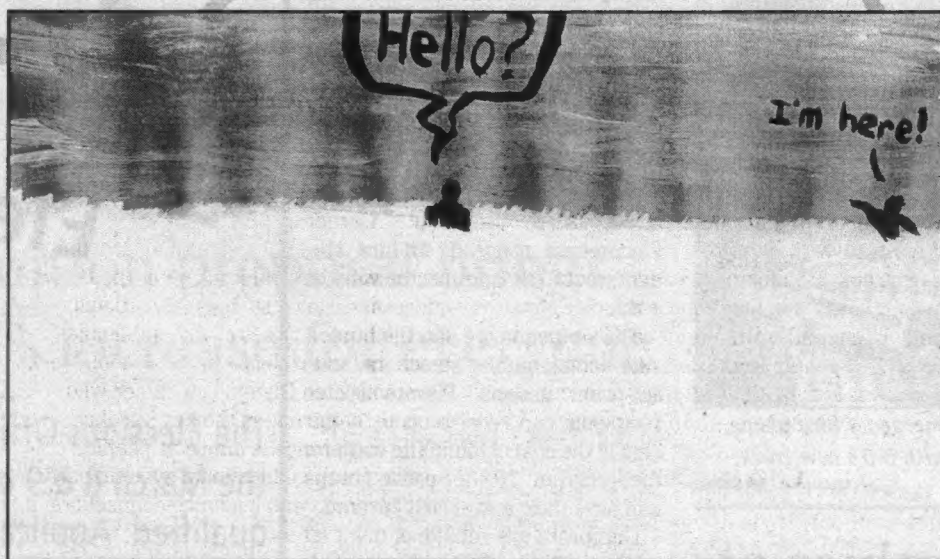
Aaron Kyle's story of growing up in small-town Saskatchewan is not very different from Steven's and Derek's. Aaron, currently in his first year of Arts at the U of R, spent the early years of his life in a town of about 300 people.

Aaron knew he was different from his peers, and unfortunately they suspected it, too. He dealt with derogatory comments throughout his days in school, but says that many of his schoolmates were still surprised when he began to openly acknowledge he was gay.

"They harassed me through their whole life, and then people act like, 'Oh my God, I can't believe he's gay,' when they find out," Aaron says. "I don't understand that."

The only explanation he can offer is that people in small towns need to be educated on homosexuality. He's found the community at the University of Regina more open towards gays and lesbians, and credits the fact that the people are more educated and mature.

Aaron believes that the situation for young people growing up in small towns with ques-



"I really hid myself away," he said. "I just felt absolutely different from everyone else, but I didn't know what it was."

The habit of retreating into himself lasted throughout his years of growing up in Manitoba, and it wasn't until a year ago that he had found enough of the answers to come out to his friends at university. Since then, he has become more active and open, taking over the chair position with G-BLUR (Gays, Bisexuals and Lesbians at the University of

plan on doing, together, is putting some books dealing with gay and lesbian issues in his hometown public library.

"I don't want others to go through the same things I went through, where I didn't have a clue," says Steven.

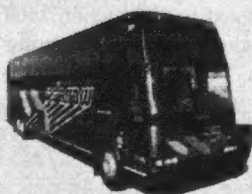
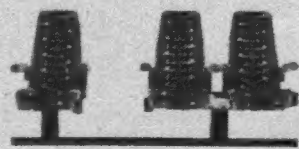
"Derek" grew up in a town in southeast Saskatchewan. He says the experience was anything but positive.

"To be quite honest with you," he said, "I hated it—growing up gay on the prairie. It was

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tions about their sexuality can only improve. He points to television programs like "Dawson's Creek" and "Will and Grace" that have gay characters who are presented as normal and accepted.

The problem with small towns, he says, is that the people living there don't know how to react to someone who is gay. "I think that the attitude of people in small towns will not change until people like me go back and challenge them, because everyone runs away to the cities to be gay."

PRAIRIE CITIES

Prairie cities, however, still aren't very welcoming to young gay men, lesbians, or bisexuals. "Jason" grew up in Regina and is currently pursuing his graduate studies at the University of Regina.

Even after he realized during high school that he was gay, he decided to ignore the issue. "The best way to describe it was that I put the aspect of me on a shelf," he said in an e-mail.

Jason says that when he was growing up, the atmosphere in Regina towards homosexuality reflected his own attitude at that time.

"Regina seems to 'accept' homosexuality by not discussing it in any way. It is something like if we don't talk about it doesn't exist or if we don't talk about it we neither have to condone or fully accept it."

Recently, Regina has had to deal with some gay issues. Last summer, for example, town council accepted the request from the gay and lesbian community to proclaim a "Gay Pride Week." There has also been controversy about a Saskatoon newspaper ad that referred to passages from the bible that have been interpreted as condemning homosexuality.

"Regina is a grey area when it comes to sophistication, openness and acceptance," Jason says. "It has some aspects of a metropolis in some respects and in others it is still a small hick town."

"Ben" also grew up in Regina, and after taking a few classes at the University of Regina, he's currently living in Montreal. He says there is a huge difference between Regina and larger cities in regard to attitudes toward the gay and lesbian community.

In Montreal, for example, there is an entire street that has been adopted by the gay community, draped in gay pride flags, with coffee shops and clothing stores openly welcoming gays. "It's a good experience to

even walk down the street," Ben says.

Regina has no such street, and there's only one nightclub in town that openly welcomes gay and lesbians.

"In Montreal [or] Toronto, for example, there are streets [and] clubs. Everyone knows the gay community is there. Regina doesn't even have that, so if it's not there to acknowledge, it doesn't exist," Ben says.

Winnipeg is a city difficult to grow up gay in, says "Susan," a 23-year-old bisexual who recently completed her Bachelor of Arts at the University of Manitoba.

Around the time Susan was beginning to discover she was different from other girls, she also began to be exposed to homophobic attitudes. She says there was extreme homophobia exhibited, especially towards girls, at the schools she attended.

"Winnipeg is not the best place to be anything other than straight, compared to Vancouver or San Francisco, for instance, and I felt very alone throughout adolescence."

Elyssa Warkentin, a fourth-year English student at the University of Manitoba, also says it is difficult to be openly lesbian in Winnipeg. She didn't come out until after she had completed high school and spent a year working in England. She says the community with which she has had the most difficulty is her church.

"I come from a Mennonite background, and Winnipeg has a huge Mennonite population. I grew up in the church, and that certainly didn't make coming out any easier," Elyssa says.

She admits thinking, however, that it would have been much more difficult growing up in small-town Manitoba. "I've met a lot of gay people from rural Manitoba, and for a lot of them, the first thing they did after coming out was to move to Winnipeg."

CURRENT ISSUES

Education is one area in which most gays and lesbians agree there could be measures taken to improve the situation of young people in small towns with questions about their sexuality.

For most of the young men and women currently in their twenties who grew up in small towns, the issue of homosexuality was rarely addressed within the classroom. When it was, the attitude was invariably negative, especially on the part of fellow students.

"I can only recall homosexuality being

'discussed' in one of my high school classes," says Jason. "[The teacher] passed around a pamphlet that showed and described safe gay sex. It was passed around with students not looking at it or they looked at it very briefly, seemed disgusted and passed it on."

Susan's experience was that homosexuality was taboo, never discussed in the classroom. Elyssa says that when it was discussed by some of her classmates, the word she remembers is "disgusting."

Aaron says he can remember instances when the topic of homosexuality would come up in class, but everyone would just make fun of it.

Within the Saskatchewan curriculum, homosexuality is not specifically addressed. Bev Huntington, a Saskatchewan Health Education Consultant, says there are opportunities for teachers to bring up gay and lesbian issues within the classes, but there is no mandatory requirement for it.

"I can see where there are young people who go through their school experience and in middle years they're not sure of themselves," she said. "There may not have been much in the school curriculum to help them out."

What are the effects of this lack of discussion on young people questioning their identity? Don Cochrane, an Education professor at the University of Saskatchewan, is attempting to address this question, among others, with an annual conference titled "Breaking the Silence."

The third annual conference, scheduled for the weekend of March 17 at the U of S, addresses issues such as educational equality, the human rights of gay and lesbian teachers, and violence in the school. Mark Tewksbury, an Olympic swimmer who recently came out, is the key speaker.

The conference is aimed at people involved in the educational system, particularly teachers and guidance counsellors. It is the only conference in Western Canada that addresses gay and lesbian issues head on.

"At this conference, gay issues are right in the open," said Cochrane. "You won't find another conference like it unless you travel to Toronto."

In Alberta, the issue is even less in the open, says Kris Wells, a 28 year-old former teacher who is currently working to have gay and lesbian issues addressed within schools.

"I believe there's a lot of silence in schools, and unfortunately, silence says as

much as words do," said Wells.

When Wells was teaching within the school system after graduating from the University of Alberta in 1994, he was not yet openly gay and he found himself increasingly torn about how he was identifying himself to his students. One student in a school he substituted in committed suicide shortly after coming out.

"What if I had been able to be an out gay model to that kid?" Wells asked afterward, questioning what was wrong with an educational system that would let kids go down that path.

It has not been until recently that studies have been conducted to specifically address the question of what number of young adults who commit suicide do so because of questions about their sexual orientation. In a 1995 study, for example, it was found that gay and bisexual male youth are about six times more at risk for suicide attempts than heterosexual youth and may account for as much as 40 or 50 per cent of male youth suicide attempts.

Wells is particularly concerned about creating a safe environment within schools for gay and lesbian youth. He says there's less movement on that front in Alberta than its neighbouring provinces, but at least there's some slow movement.

"I think Alberta is definitely in the dark ages. The Reform movement, Klein's Conservatives have a very strong presence in the province," he said.

Wells pointed out, however, that it is not only in small towns that young gays and lesbians face hardships. "The issues are the same for young people anywhere: isolation, alienation, loneliness, the sense of not belonging," he said.

The co-ordinator of the Canadian Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Resource Directory, Keven Cassidy, agrees, although the problems can be exacerbated in a rural environment.

"It doesn't matter if you're in rural Manitoba or Toronto, you still have to confront yourself and find resources in your area," said Cassidy.

"Probably, you'd have a greater fear of expressing yourself in a smaller community," he said.

Aaron would agree.

"I probably wouldn't be out if I was still in my hometown," he said. "I used to regret where I grew up but I don't anymore. The experiences I've had have definitely made me a stronger person."

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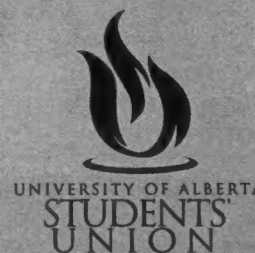
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The University Administration has announced changes to its 2000-01 Tuition Proposal.

The old proposal was:

Arts, Science, Native Studies, Grad. Studies	5.7%
All other Faculties except Medicine:	8.1%
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This is equivalent to a 6.86% increase across all Faculties

The new proposal:

All Faculties: 6.2%

While we're not finished yet, I'd like to thank everyone who took part in getting the message across. Keep it up!

Michael Chalk
President

students at large

Students at large are needed to sit on several selection committees for S.U. staff positions and boards. This will involve approximately three meetings per committee and is a great opportunity for students to become involved and get interviewing experience. Interested students can contact Slavinka Osmanagic at 492-4236 for more information.

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correction

On last Tuesday's SU Page ("SU Elections") the voting days were mistakenly given as March 3 & 4. Voting for this year's election will take place March 8 & 9, 2000. We apologize for any confusion.

EDITORIAL

Don't assume that this is the place for you

There must be a small minority of people on this campus who can convincingly defend their purpose in remaining here. For those few, being at university serves a purpose that will actually lead to some end. End does not mean interim position, end means final goal. But the bulk of people here are not really drawing any nearer to the realization of some ultimate by attending this institution.

Perhaps it seems that this education is leading to some occupation that will become a life, or even just a way of life. For most, the experiences of this place will, in fact, lead to a job. But far too many people are assuming that the ultimate outcome will be the preferred one. We all contribute to propagating the expectation that each of us will some day occupy some position, within some organization, in some city.

There really aren't enough people challenging that notion.

Society will still function quite nicely in the absence of a few of us, and so a few more of us should escape. Given the option of doing absolutely anything else, would more than five per cent of the people on this campus—students and staff both—choose to continue doing what they do now?

I sincerely hope that the answer is no.

The world is filled with far more appealing things than anything that can be provided by remaining here. I have no idea what those things are; therein lies my interest in them.

Enough people will continue to operate within the present set of

expectations. There will, for the perceptible future, be enough exploitable drones to keep things going. If we stop contributing, then we will certainly be exploiting the work of others—those others who keep the tangible and intangible infrastructures of this world functional. But since it is a given that we only get one chance to live these lives of ours, I see no reason why we need to live them within the confines of a system that only allows for two things—the continued reproduction of the system, or a life of more or less pure recreation within the system.

Because we have all set ourselves up to work within this order, we all have responsibilities that seem like they're forcing us to remain. Everyone in this office is committed to putting out this newspaper. Most students have a similar commitment to classes, or family, or rent. Escape your responsibilities. As important as they are, they only perpetuate this situation. If we can free ourselves—not even permanently, just for a time—then we can live more fulfilled lives.

There is nothing wrong with gratification and indulgence, and if the means exist for any of us to achieve those pleasures, then we should utilize them. We are all different people, it doesn't seem likely that all of our desires can be satiated within this one structure. Go do something else. This is not the place for you, and it probably isn't the place for me.

Dan Lazin
PRODUCTION EDITOR



Human Resources Minister Jane Stewart explains why she won't resign.

ates (or drop-outs). Thus, it seems reasonable to remark that the higher-educated group will pay more taxes for the rest of their lives. That should cover the cost of their "extra" education, in arrears. Now what were those overwhelming arguments for tuition? For constantly rising tuition? Look closely and you'll find that they are utterly political. I suspect the social engineers have convinced governments that it is better to have more deeply-indebted young adults—they tend to be easier to lash into their socio-economic cages.

Good luck to the next generation.
E W PITCHER
PROFESSOR EMERITUS

Blue-collar Albertans shouldn't subsidize our tuition

Alberta is one of the most prosperous provinces in Canada and enjoys one of the highest standards of living in the world. Despite our good fortune as Albertans, the government which has enabled us to live such a privileged lifestyle is widely condemned by those who most benefit. The achievements of our current provincial government are overshadowed by frequent superfluous and untested attacks.

Unfortunately, the attacks—coming in large from our institution—have played a significant role

in shaping the opinions and attitudes of our fellow students, instead of allowing them to develop their own beliefs. University should encourage students to make informed, intelligent judgments supported by credible evidence and not be persuaded by often naïve criticisms. The ability to criticize government is one of the benefits associated with a democracy; however, slander of governments without reason is a characteristic associated with ignorance.

As a result of the harsh criticisms, students have become very ungrateful and self-absorbed, forgetting about the education they are receiving largely at the public's expense. Who really pays the majority of our education? Trades people, oil companies and their employees, those employed by the forest industry, and the rest of Alberta's workforce. Our lack of gratitude is displayed by the continual lobbying of our government to further burden the working class. Demands for reduced tuition transfer the education cost burden from the student, who benefits, to the tax contributors. Next time you lobby for lower tuition, consider the common worker, who subsidizes university education, and compare your expected earnings to theirs.

CHAD HUDSON
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Dismissal of rohypnol warnings reproachful

In response to the comment made by Erin Baydak in the Tuesday, February 8 *Gateway* article "Rohypnol warnings at Lister nothing to be concerned about, as staff," it is irresponsible for a staff member at Lister Hall to simply dismiss the posters as "a joke, or someone being a little paranoid." As a resident of Lister Hall, I expect safety concerns to be investigated as serious and probable. To give these posters no consideration, regardless of their origin, is to leave the approximately 1200 students at Lister Hall vulnerable to sexual violation, or other dangers.

PENELOPE RAMPERSAD
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LETTERS

Tuition is society's cost

May I reanimate a cluster of ideas which I have expressed frequently since the mid-seventies?

First, I agree with many others that Canada can afford "free" tuition. However, I recognize that taxpayers in general don't like the idea of paying collectively to keep only some people in places of higher education. Those same people perhaps accept that we should collectively pay to keep an education system in place that trains the very young to be employable in the lowest-income jobs. We must have taxation-funded public education for those under seventeen, the argument goes, but after that, young adults should accept financial responsibility for their "higher" education. What we tend to forget

is that most tertiary institutions do not provide "higher" education than that provided to high school students some forty or fifty years ago. The college and university degrees of 2000 do no more than prepare young adults for jobs of a "quality" comparable to those held by high school graduates of a half century earlier. So our public policy need not change. We should, as we used to do, fund education through taxes to a degree which assures that young adults will have sufficient education to hold meaningful jobs or become employers themselves.

Secondly, I would remind the decision-makers and the public that every one seems to agree that (comparatively speaking) college and university graduates have higher incomes than school gradu-



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Before we apply leeches to public health care ...



Greg Kennedy

Although it is not my normal stance, I must concur with the current Tory wisdom. The philosophers across the river, never an idle or self-satisfied bunch, have worked hard to matriculate as physicians as well. Upon shrewd examination of their first patient, they have solemnly pronounced that the health care system is ailing, perhaps fatally, and in dire need of reform.

My own examinations have brought me to like conclusions. Without doubt, the system is sickly and must be cured. Before, however, I assent to the application of leeches, I feel that we require a better understanding of just what constitutes the system.

The Tory doctors prescribe the introduction of private for-profit hospitals (what in their learned circles go by the more august title of "Long Stay, Non-Hospital Surgical Facilities") as a sure cure. Their physical examination has determined the health care system to be a lethargic, obese body of buildings, machines, beds, administration, workers and whiners.

But these are only the system's outer symptoms, the treatment of which will never deliver true health. The underlying cause of illness is the viral system of beliefs about well-being that has infected

Forcing the health care system into the center of the infectious marketplace necessarily dooms it, for the noxious Market is the very origin of the contagion.

the Western world.

Whereas Eastern traditions, such as Yoga, regard health as a sacred duty to the divine elements of the body and mind, modern medicine believes health to be a biological product bought with drugs and scalpels. It treats health not as a constant disciplined vigilance growing out of gratitude, but rather a scarce commodity rooted in consumer rights.

So it happens that our material system has come to operate like an auto shop to which we tow our battered, faltering bodies to be serviced and patched up. We stuff ourselves with rubbish and poisons, allow our limbs to molder for lack of use, squander our vigor on useless or harmful pursuits and then surrender ourselves to experts who, at great expense, will remove our own rotten organ and insert a fresh pig's heart so that we may continue to live even more convincingly like swine.

If the care system ails because of the commodification of health, then further commercialization will only speed it to its death. Forcing the system into the center of the infectious marketplace necessarily dooms it, for the noxious Market is the very origin of the contagion.

Thus the Tory remedy—contracting out services to private for-profit hospitals—is in fact no reform at all, but simply the final, most deadly stage of the disease. It exacerbates every symptom that plagues the system: its partiality, its hierarchy, its exclusivity and its

capitalistic incontinence.

All evidence from the U.S., Great Britain, New Zealand and Australia indicates that private medicare is shoddier, more expensive, less accessible and, consequently, less democratic than its public counterpart. Within private systems the discrepancy between the levels of health affordable to rich and poor often grows to the point where the least well-off simply lose all say in their well-being. This is nothing short of tyranny and despotism. For democratic liberty always begins with freedom for all citizens from undue physical constraints. Most of us know, to some greater or lesser extent, that illness can bind more tightly than fetters.

According to Kevin Taft's recent study *Private Profit or the Public Good*, "investors in for-profit companies expect returns of 15 percent to 20 per cent annually, and annual growth of 15 per cent." Profiteering on despotism would seem foul enough, but when it is recalled that this despotism rests on the laboring chests of the infirm and suffering, the rank odor escaping from "Long Stay Non-Hospital Surgical Facilities" becomes nauseating.

For the sake of health, goodness and democracy we must keep the thirsting leeches from a failing system. We must ourselves examine the Tory physicians, who do not see the oozing boils of greed and wrong-headed ideology which cover them. We must demand, bravely, and in unison, "Doctors, heal thine selves."

Separatist politics are no different from those anywhere



Paul Bajcer

As is usual with the Canadian cycle of politics, the forces of Quebec independence make more comebacks than the Rolling Stones. However, in this attempt they're running into a bigger enemy than Federalists—apathy. Even worse, much of this is sweeping over even the die-hard Quebecois.

Recent polls in La Presse indicate that the Parti Quebecois has slipped in support, now four percentage points behind the Charest Liberals. Unfortunately, the separatist contingent—which is smaller than the politicians, special interest groups, and media would have us believe—has the louder voice. At least, they used to. The role of a party whose mandate is to secede from the nation which allows its existence in the first place—a situation so ironic that it would be laughable if it were not so absurd—is unclear in contemporary politics.

In the glory days of the late 1960s and '70s, Rene Levesque was able to inspire thousands with passion, conviction, and pride. While misguided in its goal, one could not help but respect a man with such vision. Since then, the Parti Quebecois has degenerated into a circus of gaffs, conflicting internal agendas, and power struggles. Bouchard recently announced that separation is still the *raison d'être* of the PQ, yet it must be set aside to allow them to win a third consecutive mandate, something that can only be accomplished by solving more immediate problems, like Quebec's ailing health care program. How does this separate (pun intended) him from every other politician who makes promises on controversial topics with no intention of following through? It doesn't. That's the point. Like many of the others, the first priority is to get elected—integrity, passion, and vision are inconveniences in that pursuit.

What separates the PQ from the other parties is that its demise is an inevitability. It has been unable to find a purpose beyond generating enough noise to produce a referendum every five to ten years, a fact many in Quebec are beginning to realize.

Former Premier Jacques Parizeau's racist remarks in the wake of the last failed referendum shocked even the most committed separatists, and left the party in disarray. He continues to undermine its success by openly criticizing Bouchard and the PQ, perhaps due more to sour grapes than anything else. Yet, these displays of egocentrism confirm what many in Quebec have already, sadly resigned themselves to—the party's over. In more ways than one.

Are we masters of the universe?

Jeff Rezansoff

If there's one thing evolution has taught us, it's this: humans are the most intelligent and worthwhile creation the world has ever known and it was merely a matter of time until we took our rightful place as rulers of the world. It's obvious that the natural world exists for us to dominate and devour, or why else would it be here?

There are those long-haired, pot smoking, anti-human environmentalists and animal rights activists who'd rather hug a tree (or a cow) than allow hard working, democracy-loving individuals to realize their God given right to television sets, Ford pickup trucks, mink coats and relaxing evenings at the dog fights. What do they know? Any rational and cultured person knows that if a river wasn't meant to have mercury in it so that we could wear gold chains, or a forest wasn't meant to be clear-cut so that we could have toilet paper, or all those varmints out there weren't meant to be our dinner or clothing, none of them would be here. If you don't believe me, just ask and I'll reassure you that I'm right.

Here's a detailed break down of the hierarchy for those of you who aren't following me: HUMANS first, and then resources.

Humans need food, shelter and clothing, right? How are we supposed to obtain these things if we don't degrade and destroy the earth in some way or another? Here's an example: I need a car to

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get to the store in order to buy food. Now, the steel and rubber in the car, the concrete for the road, the metal and concrete for the store and the food and packaging must come from somewhere. Who cares how we get it, as long as we do? One can't really expect us to plan for future generations or anything like that. We aren't psychics, after all.

Here's another thing: one can't expect us to treat animals as anything more than moving objects here for our amusement, consumption, or warmth. They can't even talk. Anyway, who doesn't enjoy seeing 300-pound bears on skates, wolves in zoos pacing back and forth, or even cats being set on fire? Or some disgusting, dirty hog slaughtered and made into pork chops, or foxes being anally electrocuted to death in order to make fur coats? We are humans, we can do what we want, for God's sake. We've earned it.

OR

Perhaps all that I have said is crap, or an illusion which blinds us to the intricate interconnection of all things. Perhaps all life shares in this interconnectedness, differing in type but not in worth. Perhaps consciousness occurs on so many levels, and is realized by so many beings, that to differentiate and to classify is to fail to conceive of any being's

nature. Perhaps the real reason for human consciousness is so that we are able to use the principles of benevolence and justice as guides in our deliberations such that our final decisions will have the highest good for all involved.

Perhaps the true hierarchy goes more like this: existence for its own sake first, and then consideration and respect for all beings.

That does not mean that we do not require food, shelter and clothing to live. It means that the way in which we obtain our needs must coincide with living in the world, not above it. For example, the food which we consume ought to be organically grown in our backyards or community gardens. We should admit that importing food that cannot be locally grown is not consistent with living within our means.

Perhaps we should also realize that the non-human inhabitants of the earth are not simply options on a global menu, waiting for us to use or abuse them—maybe they define their own ends, independent of us. Maybe our humanity is the only thing that makes us human beings. Then again, it is possible that I am a fool lost in a sea of obscurity.

For those who may be interested, there is a fur protest on Saturday, February 12 at 11:30am, meeting at Gazebo Park on 103 Street and 83 Avenue.

How I got back at bad service



Claudia Villeneuve

When was the last time you received bad service at a restaurant or a movie theatre? Did you do anything about it? Did you just swallow it and walk away? Next time, don't walk away. I have refused to give tips at restaurants or even pay certain parts of my bill when the food or the service was not decent. You don't have to be mean to anybody, just state what was wrong.

Ever since I got foil paper in my cheese toast at Moxie's, I decided to speak up against bad service. Fancy eateries like La Ronde still charged full price for every pop refill until I complained. All it took was a letter and they changed the policy to offer refills for free. Many times I have gone into Taco Bell to find every empty table full with trays and leftover food. I figured that by the time I got my burrito and pop, someone would come and clean the tables up, but no one ever came. Red Robin's once served me

a vegetarian lasagna meal so old that the crust was as dry as paper.

Besides restaurants, there are other places where I experienced substandard customer service. In big stores like Zellers, it is very hard to find a salesperson anywhere on the sales floor, since they are all behind the counters. When movie theatres sell dry and stale popcorn, they still charge me full price for it. I have had to pay for pizzas delivered late, that are not sliced or that had more tomato paste than cheese. Banks like CIBC or the Bank of Montreal are only open when I am busy at school, instead of when I have time to run errands. Buses to University arrive late or leave too early, thereby messing up my connection schedule. It's a never-ending list. With all of these bad experiences, you might think that I am just unlucky or terribly picky. But I am not. Everybody has had experiences with customer service. What is different is what I had to do about it. I didn't want to be a paying victim anymore.

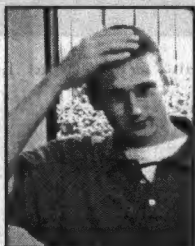
Over the years I have used different ways of expressing my frustration with bad service. Sometimes I fill out a suggestion card or talk to management directly. In these situations, I always leave my name, address and phone number in case they want to apologize or send me a complimentary gift. I like giving the businesses a

chance to make it up to the customer. Lately, I have been writing formal letters of complaint to the managers. This has gotten me good results, like refunds or actual changes in service policy.

Then one day, the perfect job came along. The Cineplex Odeon chain, in its commitment to better customer service, created the mystery shopper program. As a customer, you join and receive assignments wherein you rate your movie experience. The evaluation questions ranged from how was the taste of the popcorn, to how clean were the bathrooms. In my opinion, I felt that they were finally listening to customers. I regularly send my comments to head office by regular mail, and they hopefully use them for improvements in service.

The rewards I have received for all my complaining are plenty: discounted bills, apologies, free gift certificates, VIP treatment and free movie passes a few times a year. But the most important reward is my change in attitude. I no longer see substandard or bad service as the rule, but as an unusual event that can change. My self-esteem has flourished and I am more outspoken now about quality issues than even before. In my own life, I have been pushing myself to provide the kind of service that I demand from others. That, I think, is the best reward of all.

Testicle-shrivelling cold is A-Ok



Patrick Sunderland

Let me just say: you have to be tough to live in this town. Edmontonians regularly face such daunting tasks as shovelling mounds of snow, inclement driving conditions, 8:00am outdoor hockey practices—and so on—and all in the goddamn shitting cold. So, my hat goes off to the toughest sons of bitches E-town has ... its panhandlers who are invariably present on Whyte ave, selling *Our Voice* magazines even when our city is at its coldest.

With that being said, Chevy Chase, I warn you to know your role and shut your mouth.

U of A students, I must say, are a hardened breed. Facing ever increasing tuitions, balancing employment with the most strenuous degree of education, and having to do it all in the winter session when it's too cold to even go outside and lick a metal pole for fun is very impressive.

But I love the winter! It'll make you a man! Cold weather and the pain in the ass that goes with it puts hair on your chest—sorry, ladies. Either way, there'll be no pansy flower bed treatment for me; I'll walk to the bus when it's 30 below, curse it for being late, be covered in snow, and damn well love every second of it. Truly, this is no place for the weak.

Much like everybody else, I sourly scorn the inconvenience and discomfort brought about by the testicle-shrivelling cold. The

winter inclemency does, however, give Canadians a hardy and rugged persona, something you can't buy at Wal-Mart. It makes us more appreciative of summer, gives us the luxury of having germs and insects mercilessly killed, and creates a feared fanaticism for outdoor sports. So when a petty snowstorm hits the citrus belt of the USofA, I can only laugh at their misfortune. This may be why I don't ever fear invasion from the south, because, just like in Operation Barbarossa (Germany into Russia, 1941), the advancing Yankees wouldn't have the mettle to withstand our harsh winter.

And Chevy Chase, Mr "I haven't made a good movie since *Fletch*", that blemish on Edmonton's backside. Edmontonians who were extras in his film didn't seem to be too distraught by the weather. "My toes were black ... wah wah wah." Well somebody get the diaper bags and soothers because we have a baby who's stomping around and sucking his thumb on the *Rosie* show. Well Chevy, wait until you have to scrape frost off of your car's windshield in the cold black heart of January because you were too stupid to put it in your garage, and then I'll listen to you bitch.

Our supermayor, Bill Smith, has now invited Rosie to do her show from the confines of our beloved supermall to make the point that E-town is not just a city of igloos. A fine solution, but I've got a better one ... first trade Bill Guerin for a bucket of pucks, then the money we save can be used as prize money for a steel-cage brawl between our mayor and the man named after a dependable automobile. Come on, Billy the kid is a former football player, I'm sure he can hold his own.

Fine, if you don't like the idea then you can write a letter to the editor.

THE BURLAP SACK

Today's target is the Freddie-Prince-jr-adorned cover of the February issue of *Seventeen* magazine, featuring the insightful headline "'Girls don't have to be thin to be hot'—Freddie Prince, junior."

There is some sickeningly obvious hypocrisy in putting that statement on the cover of a magazine dedicated to pointing out every imperfection a girl could have. It is equally disturbing that the person deemed most able to dispel girls' feelings of inadequacy is a guy whose career expectations can't be much higher than those of being the next Steve Guttenburg.

Putting some major hottie on the cover is probably not the best way to compensate for years of imposing society's beauty ideals on the younger generation. A better approach for the magazine might be to publish some advertisements that feature girls who have weights within a healthy three-digit range.

And instead of prostituting his dubious celebrity status to a magazine that preys on his fans' insecurities, he should look for some real roles to put on his acting resume—because teenyboppers are eventually going to realize that he's 36 years old and they've seen him go to the prom some 43 times.

Next time you are in the check-out line, resist the temptation to find out whether or not you can snag your summer crush cutie, and save your money for, say, tuition hikes.

ADAM HOUSTON

The Burlap Sack is a semi-regular feature where those needing to be put in a sack and beaten are ridiculed in print. No sack beatings are actually administered.

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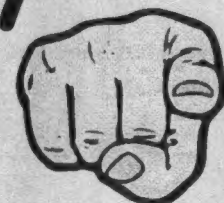
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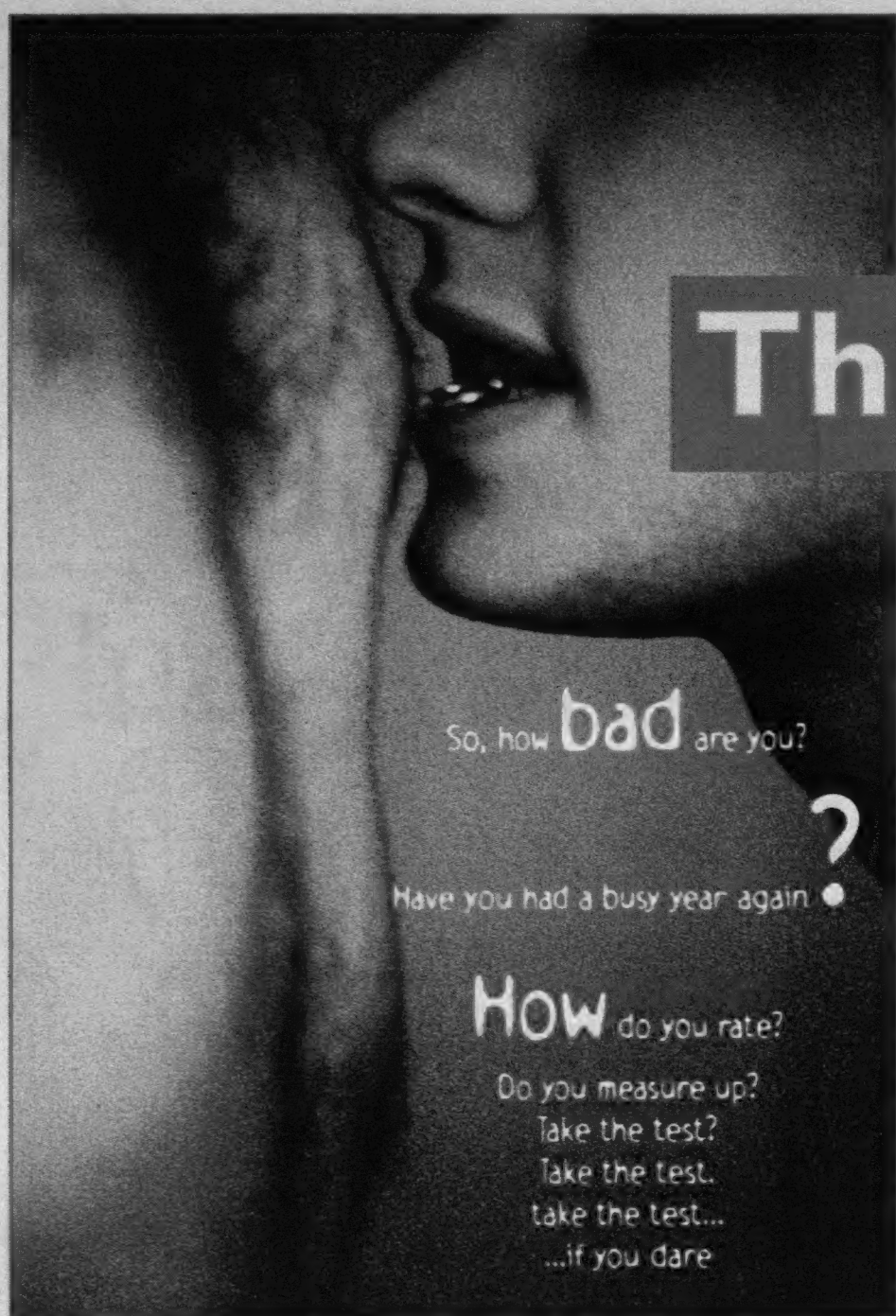
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The Purity Test

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It should be noted that "sex," when used herein, usually refers to sexual activity, which includes oral, anal and manual fun in addition to intercourse. There are obvious exceptions, though, with things like losing one's virginity

Do you giggle uncontrollably when someone says "organ donor"? IPT

Ever filled out a form for a blind date contest? 2PT

Boxers? OPT
Briefs? -IPT
Boxer-briefs? IPT
None? 2PT

Bikini? OPT
Hipsters? -IPT
G-string? IPT
None? 2PT

Ever masturbated? IPT
Do you think it's wrong, but do it anyway? 2PT
Ever been caught? 5PT EACH TIME

Ever gotten off to the picture of the Sunshine Boy or Girl? 2PT

Ever masturbated to non-sexual material? 2PT

Ever given a handjob? IPT
Received a handjob? IPT
From or to a stranger on the bus? 2PT
MORE

Ever told someone that you were in love just to get laid? 3PT

Ever declined sex in favour of food? 2PT, FREAK

Ever made someone worship at the altar of your genitalia? 3PT

Have you ever swallowed cum (of either gender)? 2PT
From a cup? 2PT MORE

Ever given or received a blowjob with champagne or peppermint? 3PT
Or with an ice cube? 2PT
Or while humming? 2PT

Ever attempted oral sex on yourself? 2PT BOYS, 3PT GIRLS
Succeeded? 10PT MORE FOR BOYS, 50PT MORE FOR GIRLS

Have you ever had sex? IPT

Ever done sex wrong? 2PT

How many people have you had sex with? 2PT APIECE

How many times have you had sex in a 24-hour period? 2PT APIECE AFTER ONE

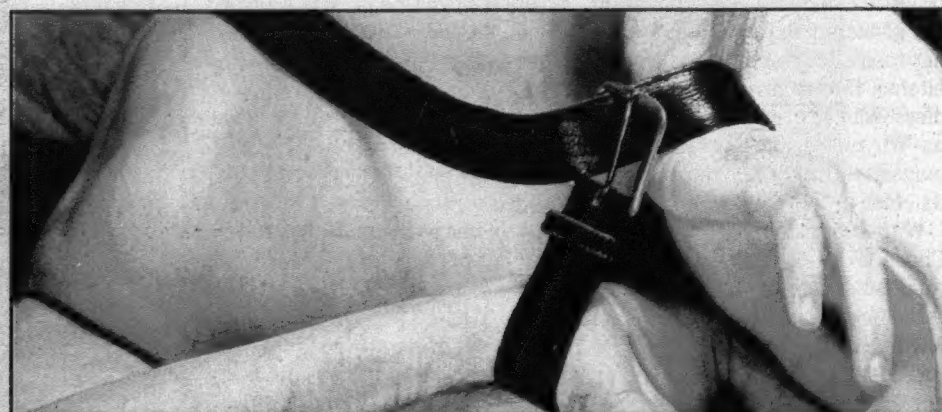
How many people have you had sex with in a 24-hour period? 3PT APIECE

AFTER ONE

How large of a group have you had sex in? 5PT APIECE AFTER TWO, INCLUDING YOURSELF

Ever deviated from your normal sexual preference? 3PT

Ever had sex with someone while a significant other (yours or your partner's) was in the next room? 3PT



How many years away from 17 (in either direction) were you when you lost IT? IPT APIECE

Ever taken someone's virginity? 3PT EACH TIME
And put it up high where they couldn't get it? 5PT MORE

Ever had sex with someone more than twice or less than one-half your body mass? 3PT

Ever had sex with someone more than 10 years older or younger than you? 2PT

Ever had sex on campus, not counting in a residence room? 3PT
At work? 5PT
On public transit? 5PT

Ever risked getting caught? IPT
At your parents' home? 2PT MORE
In your parents' bed? 2PT MORE

Ever had sex on a plane? 5PT

In a boat? 3PT
In a box? 4PT OR OPT, DEPENDING ON INTERPRETATION
With a fox? 10PT OR OPT, DEPENDING ON INTERPRETATION

Do you have a lucky condom? IPT

Ever had unprotected sex (not even any pills)? 5PT
With someone you didn't know? 5PT MORE



With someone you never saw again? 3PT MORE
With something other than a human? 10PT MORE

Ever had crabs, a cold sore, a urinary-tract infection or a nasty discharge? 1PT APIECE

Herpes, the clap, or genital warts? 2PT APIECE

Syphilis, gonorrhea? 3PT APIECE
AIDS? 5PT

Did you get any of them from a toilet seat? -5PT FOR LYING

Did you leave it untreated? 5PT

Ever been pregnant or gotten someone pregnant? 3PT
And skipped town or been skipped out on? 3PT MORE

Do you know how to use a condom? 2PT

Ever put your fists somewhere they didn't belong? 5PT

Ever dripped hot wax on someone's body for sexual purposes? 2PT

Ever shaved your dirty bits? 2PT

GIRLS, 5PT BOYS

Ever shaved off every hair on your body? 5PT MORE

Because the leader said so? 10PT MORE

Ever had your privates pierced, punctured, removed or tattooed? 3PT

Ever done it Greek-style? That's sodomy! 3PT

Ever given or been given a rim job? 3PT

Ever felched? 5PT

Ever used your feet for sexual purposes? 2PT
On yourself? 1PT MORE

Ever involved pissing, shitting or puking in your sexual escapades? 5PT APIECE
Unintentionally? 2PT MORE

Ever paid or been paid for sex with money, rent or drugs? 3PT

Have you committed pedophilia? -2PT, BECAUSE THAT'S NOT GOOD
Been falsely accused of same? 2PT

Is child pornography your "safety valve"? -5PT

With names? 3PT

Ever explained rugburn as an allergic reaction to your new sweater? 2PT

Ever had sex with anyone because of his or her political leanings, hair colour or ethnicity? 2PT

Ever had sex with someone because a rumour? 2PT

Was it true? 3PT MORE

Ever had sex as part of a reconnaissance or espionage mission? 007PT

Ever had sex with an ugly person? 1PT
For the sake of variety? 2PT MORE

Had intercourse while you or your partner was on the phone? 3PT

To a relative? 1PT MORE

To your boss? 1PT MORE

To your real boyfriend or girlfriend? 5PT MORE

Ever engaged in heavy flirting with your friends' parents or parents' friends? 3PT
How about heavy petting with them? 5PT

Ever made it with a prof? 3PT

For marks? 2PT MORE

And failed anyway? 2PT MORE

Ever had cybersex with someone you met on the Internet? 3PT

Had real sex with them? 3PT MORE

Ever broken part of a car while having sex? 3PT

Ever travelled for more than one hour solely for the purpose of sex? 2PT, CAPTAIN PATHETIC

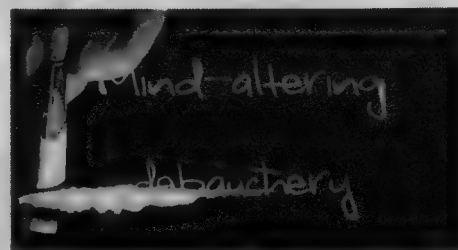
Ever break up with someone less than an hour after having sex? 2PT

Ever broken up with someone on an answering machine? 2PT

In bed? 2PT

During sex? 1PT MORE

Does your bike have a seat? -1PT



Ever gotten drunk? 1PT

High on glue, puffer or marker? 1PT

On pot, hash or mushrooms? 2PT

On acid, ecstasy, speed or meth? 3PT

On injected adrenaline (cool!), coke, heroin, or crack? 5PT

Ever gotten your little brother or sister involved in drugs? 3PT

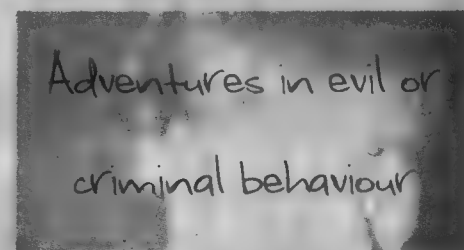
How many years under 18 were you when you first got high or drunk? 1PT APIECE

Ever drunk enough to pee yourself? 2PT

Ever driven while generally wasted? 2PT, BUT SHAME ON YOU! WE MEAN IT.

Do you look like Keith Richards? 2PT

Ever taken birth-control pills just to grow breasts? 2PT



Ever lied to a friend? 1PT

Teacher? 1PT

Police Officer? 2PT

Ever committed an illegal act? 1PT

On purpose? 1PT MORE

To cover up another illegal act? 3PT MORE

Ever successfully blamed someone else for your illegal acts? 5PT MORE

Ever stalked someone? Don't forget electronic stalking! 4PT

Ever assaulted a person? 2PT
A peanut? 1PT

Ever blackmailed someone? 2PT

In how many countries have you been stopped by the police? 1PT APIECE

When you were a kid, how many kids did you beat up for being shorter, fatter or uglier than you? 1PT APIECE

Have you ever driven a car sans insurance or license? 2PT

Ever intentionally tortured or killed a live animal, not including insects? 3PT

Ever urinated in an inappropriate location? 1PT BOYS, 3PT GIRLS
Defecated? 3PT

Ever violated section 30 of the University Policy Manual? That'd be the Code of Student Behaviour, by the way. 4PT

0-49 Time to Get Busy

You really need to get a move on, as they say. Homework is no excuse for going through university without a healthy dose of debauchery. You share this category with Gateway Editor-in-Chief Neal Ozano. But you aren't necessarily a virgin.

50-99 You've Been a Good Boy/Girl

But you still know how to get a little dirty. Just a little. You have a long way to go before you can really call yourself warped, and now is the time. Don't be too shy about following up with Mrs Robinson. Barrie Tanner is the only Gateway editor in this category.

100-149 Fun Zone

You're on the exciting side of average. The world really is your own here, since no one will laugh at you, but people still respect you without question. You are joined here by Gateway News Editor Ryan Smith, Production Editor Dan Lazin, Circulation Manager Mike Winters, Managing Editor Don Iverson, and Photo Volunteer Coordinator Sarah Haddow.

150-199 Highway to the Danger Zone

You've been around. This is well past healthy experimentation; you already know what you really like, but you're still not afraid to try new and funky shit. Good for you. Just don't touch me. Gateway Arts & Entertainment Editor Theo Buchinskias and Photographer CL Couldwell are good resources if you want to learn about this lifestyle.

200+ Holy Fucking Shit

You probably have, fucked shit that is. This is way off the deep end. Whatever you did to get here probably left burns, crying children, or a huge stain. This is serious folks... there's fun and then there's this. News Editor Christie Tucker is the lone Gateway employee who would admit to being in this kind of company. She made us promise to write that that has nothing to do with being the only paid female editor.

* jokes shouldn't need to be explained, but this one's about a salted peanut

Gateway to Looooove

Rules

Write-in answers are permitted and encouraged. Truthfulness is mandatory. *Gateway* staff are ineligible. Shortlisted applicants will be contacted by phone and briefly interviewed, in person, largely to assure us of the applicant's sanity.



Deadline: February 11, 2000

Worried that Valentine's Day is only a short time away, and yet you have no date? Worry no more: *The Gateway* wants to pair off six strangers and send each couple for an awkwardly romantic dinner and dance. Just fill out this form, drop it off in 0-10 SUB, and we'll do our best to play match-maker. Of course, only six lucky contestants will be selected, based partly upon their compatibility with the partner we choose, and mostly on our whimsy. So go to it, and we'll do our best to find you a good partner.

Your major
 The major you wish you were in
 Describe your appearance

 Do you vote?
 What kind of shoes do you wear?

 Where are you filling this out?

 How attractive do you think you are?

 Does size matter?
 Do you have a criminal record?
 What's your favourite sport?

 How do you feel right now?

 One word: why are you single?
 Are you a good dancer?
 Do you try to fix people?
 What should we know?

Details

One couple each will be treated to Valentine's Day dinner at either *The King & I*, *Zenari's*, or *The Sicilian Pasta Kitchen*. Afterwards, each couple will be whisked away to *The Garneau Theatre* for in indie movie bonanza, followed by a special anniversary evening of dancing at *Lush*. The lucky couples will be subject to interrogation by *The Gateway* for a feature to follow. They will be provided with Polaroid cameras courtesy of HUB Photo to document the affair, and will be chauffeured throughout the evening by some unknown taxi company.

C h o o s e

1. a) Hemingway b) Fitzgerald
 c) Steven King d) Toni Morrison
 e) VC Andrews f) Archie Comix
 g) *Penthouse Letters*

2. a) *Edmonton Sun* b) *Globe & Mail*
 c) *Gateway*

3. a) rabbit food b) dead flesh
 c) I'm on a see-food diet

4. a) 'Mambo #5' b) 'Lady in Red'
 c) 'I Wanna Rock & Roll All Night'
 d) 'I Feel Love'

5. a) mutual funds b) simultaneous
 orgasms

6. a) *The Simpsons* b) *Star Trek* c) *ER*
 d) *The Antique Road Show* e) *Blind Date*
 f) TV sux

7. a) brains b) brawn

8. a) car b) bus c) bike d) hitchhiking

9. a) beer b) wine c) pop d) milk
 e) water f) coffee g) slurpee

10. a) handcuffs b) holding hands
 c) my body's nobody's body but mine;
 you run your body—let me run mine!

11. a) heads b) tails

What do you believe in?

a) love at first sight b) studying c) fate d) aliens e) God

What is causing the downfall of our civilization?

a) WWF (the one with big guys wrestling) b) Microsoft
 c) the media d) welfare e) black helicopters

Where do your clothes come from?

a) MEC b) Value Village c) The Gap d) Colorblind
 e) Sears f) my mother dresses me

What personality flaw are you least forgiving of?

a) aggressiveness b) anal retentiveness c) selfishness

What physical flaw are you least forgiving of?

a) excess/insufficient weight b) bad breath c) height

What would you most like to do on a Saturday night?

a) study b) karaoke c) clubbing d) drinks with friends
 e) rent video f) bed g) 'bed!'

Who would you most like to date?

a) Ricky Martin b) Puff Daddy c) Beck d) Mike Chalk
 e) Denzel Washington f) Courtney Love g) Leslie Church
 h) Lucy Liu i) Janeane Garofalo j) Jennifer Love-Hewitt

What would your ideal job be?

a) CEO of Fortune 500 company b) criminal mastermind
 c) drifter d) wino author e) porn star f) *Gateway* editor
 g) whatever it was Tom Hanks did in *Big* h) cat!

What best describes your behaviour in a relationship?

a) you're afraid of hurting your significant other's feelings
 b) you always say what you think

Name _____ Age _____ Gender (M/F)

Phone _____ Sexual Preference _____

Politics and mystery

THEATRE REVIEW

The Aberhart Summer
Citadel Theatre
29 January to 20 February

Sarah Chan

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

Who would have thought that Edmonton would serve as an exciting and intense backdrop for a great theatrical work? This would be the case with the Citadel's current display of *The Aberhart Summer*, a work by local playwright Conni Massing, based upon the novel by Bruce Allen Powe and directed by Stephen Heatley. Set in Edmonton during the summer of 1935, it presents a murder mystery against the backdrop of the depression and William Aberhart's 1935 campaign with the Social Credit party.

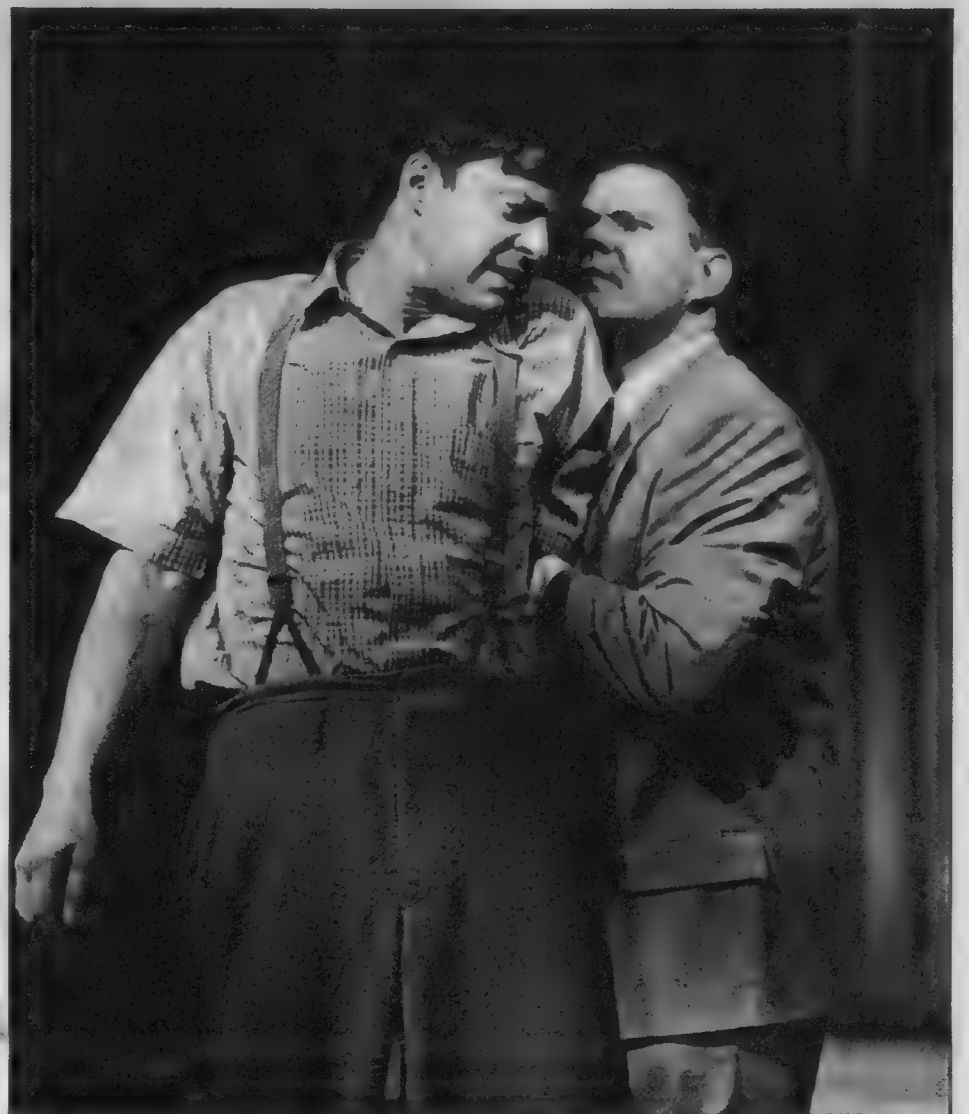
Take the innocence of teenage boys, the power hungry Social Credit party, the dirty thirties, desperation, and a sweltering summer. All these factors serve as ingredients for a story that starts with the main character Doug Sayers as a grown man. Moments after his first lines the audience is flung into a flurry of flashbacks that reveal the story and mystery of his best friend's death. Doug's young counterpart Babe Roothe is one of the most vicarious young men of his time, and his body found hanging in a barn sends the community into shock. In order to keep the situation under relative control, Babe's death is written off as suicide, but his friend Doug is not convinced that things are so simple and suspects foul play.

While the community is swept up into the

dry and futile depression, Doug continues to question the means of Babe's death. He speculates and draws together bits and pieces of the mystery while the Social Credit party campaigns like a tyrant throughout Edmonton. The finger of blame is pointed into many directions, sometimes at Babe's older and overly ambitious Brother Albert Roothe. Albert is a representative for William Aberhart and in being drawn up within the political realm, he is reluctant to pay much heed to his family's personal losses. With a sentimental basis, including ties from friendship, romance and family, *The Aberhart Summer* is also a political and even global perspective of the thirties.

With delicate use of humour and amazing choreographed scene work and changes, the play paints a nostalgic sense of the small community. The characters are colourful and contrast perfectly with one another, and are enhanced, of course, by the fantastic cast. With multiple roles, rapid scene changes and quick paced action, the actors all managed to create such incredible ambience in the MacLab theatre. Applause may be issued to the crew's ability to create such suspense and anxiety as well as comic relief and simple accuracy of all the technical and political details.

The Aberhart Summer makes one feel very close to home in the sense that it is a pastoral of a small community in Edmonton. With the depression and elections looming overhead, the play becomes intimate tale told in the midst of a larger sphere of political influence. *The Aberhart Summer* is suspense, fun, sex and politics all in one. The Citadel is hosting a guaranteed favorite that has great international potential and deep local roots.



Albert Roothe (Jeff Page) apprehends David McNally (Doug Sayers) in *The Aberhart Summer*.

David Cooper

Save your money on *Eye of the Beholder*

MOVIE REVIEW

Eye of the Beholder
directed by Stephan Elliot
starring Ashley Judd
and Ewan McGregor
film company

Natalie Kaiser

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If you haven't seen *Eye of the Beholder* yet, take my advice, don't waste your money, because it isn't worth it.

The movie stars Ashley Judd and Ewan McGregor, who have proven themselves to be more than capable actors in past efforts. However, these past successes, *Double Jeopardy* (Judd) and *Trainspotting* (McGregor), could not save this movie. The movie was not about one or two plots but several that cannot be contained or handled in such a short amount of time. The most frustrating thing about this movie was the fact that nothing was solved or even moved towards completion. Several plots were left hanging, when the two main characters simply abandoned them. Ashley Judd's character, Joanne Eris, is a killer, and this in itself should have been more than enough to motivate the movie, but it wasn't. The Eye, Ewan McGregor's character, is a super-spy with emotional problems. He talks to his mind's personification of his missing child, which could have been an interesting character trait, if portrayed properly. Director Stephan Elliot has failed to develop the storyline to a



satisfactory plot, instead trying to write a love story with a dark edge. Elliot loses his audience while they all wait for the miracle ending to explain and save this movie.

There are two notable mentions for this movie, first for kd lang, as a supporting character to Ewan. She actually didn't do a bad

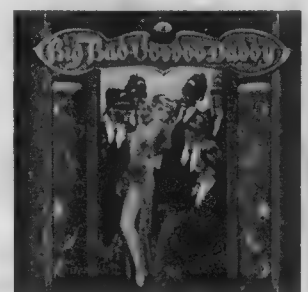
job. Second, Jason Priestly is once again trying to shake his *Beverly Hills 90210* roots and be taken seriously as an actor by portraying a rapist. If all of this does not convince you not to go, then go and see it, waste your money. Then my money is not alone in the boxoffice drawer.

CD REVIEW

This Beautiful Life
Big Bad Voodoo Daddy
Coolsville Records

Terra Bell

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Is swing really dead or only dead to the real hip cats? BBVD offers up great drum beats, piano, woodwind and a brass section that one might only find in an orchestra nowadays. The group gives us old time flava: from when bands actually had instruments in them, not just an amalgamation of samples stolen from performers who can really play a musical instrument.

"I wanna be like you," is a fine example of a song. It shows musical talent, not to mention lyrics stolen from the Disney film, *The Jungle Book*, which is supercool, baby.

Not only do they have the music down, but the CD design is slick. Midgets in semi-breakdance form balancing a tray with a clock on fire on it. Pyramids with masonic eyes and shriners. Bunnies dressed in belly-dancer garb and a last supper picture of the seven boys. So did I like this CD? Well, my mom loved it.

The Allstar Band steps up to the plate

GIG REVIEW

The Allstar Band
with Dale Ladoucer
and Mike McDonald Band
Sidetrack Cafe
8 February

Ian Mulder
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

Lester Quitzau, famed Edmonton bluesman and Sidetrack staple, got caught in a scheduling conflict that forced him to take a late night flight to LA thus skipping out on his headlining duties at the International Society for Peace and Human Rights fundraiser Tuesday night. In his place was the Allstar Band, a conglomeration of Edmonton musicians who have been playing together in various combinations for over twenty-five years. They took the stage and played some fantastic urban blues, both covers and originals that got the crowd of revolutionary hipsters grooving past midnight.

Dale Ladoucer, local writer and musician started the night off right with Ben Harper's magnificent "When the People Lead," a theme that characterised the entire evening. She plays a chapman stick, an unusual instrument that is sort of like a piano and guitar combined into one. The Mike McDonald Band set was loud and pretty hard-sounding, which was a nice contrast to Ladoucer's warm up. However, the levels seemed a little off at first, as if the drums



Mike McDonald got loud at the Sidetrack last Tuesday.

Colwyn Llewellyn-Thomas / THE GAZETTE

had been mic'd at twice the level of the bass, which tends to overload the eardrums. Midway through, the soundman seemed to remedy the problem and the harmonies of the two female backup singers really sparked up the set. McDonald's slightly grizzled voice sounded great combined with the women's and added a lot to McDonalds dynamic songs.

It was a pretty alright night of music, with

one obvious difference: the Sidetrack has changed. Gone are the glory days of nine buck pitchers, plaid shirts, and unshaven guys from Beverley looking to hear some great blues. The crowd at the fundraiser was an exception, though by and large since the renovations several months ago, the place has gone upscale. Beer seems more expensive, they now have an R&B/Dance style night and chachiness is de rigueur. It's a bit

sad to see the old place pass away as such.

Despite Quitzau's unfortunate cancellation, the night seemed to go off pretty well and hopefully they raised a bit of awareness and a bit more money. The society screened a short film on refugee rights and there was an information booth detailing their upcoming conference in May that promises to attract several hundred delegates from around the globe.

CD REVIEW

Rick Nelson
A Night to Remember
True North Records

Jon Dunbar
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT STAFF



Ignoring the physical incongruities, if Fats Domino and the Dukes of Hazzard could father a child, that child would be named rockabilly.

The child of Ozzy and Harriet Nelson, given the name Eric Hilliard Nelson, would embody the spirit of said rockabilly like nothing before.

This is a recording of a live performance given in 1985, shortly before Nelson was in a plane crash en route to a New Year's Eve show in Dallas. With covers of "Fools Rush in," the Rolling Stones' "Honky Tonk Women," and a duet with Fats Domino on "I'm Walkin'," this CD delivers a night to remember.

Singer sees bright future for independent bands

FEATURE REVIEW

Aric Johnson
THE REFLECTOR

CALGARY (CUP) — While he sings in a band with a more traditional musical approach, Skydiggers vocalist Andy Maize casts a perceptive eye toward the future of the music industry.

He has been involved in the industry long enough to see that changes are taking place.

"In many ways the CD has killed the album," said Maize over the phone from Toronto. While his statement may be a bit bold, Maize does not speak with any hint of sarcasm.

"I think that in a couple of years, with the downloading of stuff over the Internet, the idea of making albums won't be necessary anymore," said Maize. "What's going to happen, and particularly with MP3 players and CD burners becoming more affordable, people are going to, and already are, creating their own compilations."

But, he adds, the music industry is not only being altered by the Internet and computer technology. Today, bands also have to deal with major labels that are expanding in size and power through mergers.

While the prospect of only two or three labels holding all the power may frighten some, Maize finds it interesting and exciting.

"Those major labels, all they're set up to do now is to sell a million records," he said. "Anything less than that, they're not really equipped to do because everything moves so slowly they can only follow the trends—they can't create them."

"The great thing about [the mergers] is that it is going to, I think, allow a whole new wave of independent acts to develop because there are lots of bands that can sell 20 000 or 25 000 copies of a record and make money doing it."

Maize believes the Internet will help some of these bands get their name out to the masses. The Skydiggers, who were once part of the garbled major-label world, are now happily independent and recording new material.

"I think it's quite exciting because it allows us to move quicker, to take more risks and to make our own decisions. I think that with the Internet, the music going directly to your audience, I think you're cutting out the middle-man anyway."

"I can't predict what the future is going to be, but I do think there is going to be lots of room for new artists and creative artists bubbling under that wall of multi-million sellers."



Andy Maize is optimistic about the future of indie bands.

CD REVIEW

Tina Turner
Twenty-Four Seven
Virgin Records

Natalie Kaiser
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

Tina Turner has done it again. This new release is good. For a woman of sixty, she still knows what good music is all about.

"Twenty-Four Seven" serves as the title track on the CD and sticks out as one of the best. Tina is in a class by herself for rock. Tina and Bryan Adams once again team up for the new track "Without You" and it is successful. The track "When the Heartache Is Over" has been called dance, but I disagree. Although the song is danceable, most Tina songs are. This song as it is does not fit the standard of what we today would consider to be dance music.

What this album is, however, is classic, good, Tina-style songs that are more than R&B and not quite rock.

If you have ever liked Tina Turner then this CD is worthwhile. Besides, this may be the last album that Tina ever puts out. According to the article in "Instyle" she said "... but now I want to hang up my dancing shoes. I know that I have the energy to do it one more time, but I don't want to diminish the memory ..."

Now, if this is true, then this may be the last time to get original work by a true music diva.





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Pandas hockey team off to Canada West Finals

Regina Cougars measuring up to be the team to beat



Heading into Canada West Finals, the Pandas will be pressing for the twine against the best in the west.

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Barrie Tanner

SPORTS EDITOR

Last year's Pandas hockey team advanced to the Nationals despite being discounted all year. They were a first-year team; most of the players had never been to a tournament anything like the CIAU Nationals. They were young, and

ever-important experience, some believed, was lacking. They came out with a silver medal.

This year, things are different. The Pandas have ripped up their conference, placing themselves at the top of the standings and staying there throughout the season. They are indisputably recognized as one of Canada's top female hockey teams. And now they're heading

into Canada West finals to pave their way to this year's nationals.

"We've been pretty successful this season," said Tonya D'Entremont, a 5'10" defenseman for the Pandas. "We've been moving towards a goal of peaking in Canada West."

And once they get to Canada West Championships this weekend, it'll just be a matter of bring-

We all know what it feels like to win and we all know what it feels like to lose ... and we like winning a lot better.

— Trish Dubyk, forward, Pandas hockey

ing together what they've been working on all season.

"We're going to be a big factor this weekend," predicted winger Trish Dubyk.

But that's dependent on their continuing to play as they have been and keeping their hard-work policy at the top of the team agenda.

We're more sound offensively this year than in previous years ... but we're still a bit of a blue-collar team and have to grind it out.

— Howie Draper, coach, Pandas hockey

"We're more sound offensively this year than in previous years," said coach Howie Draper. "But we're still a bit of a blue-collar team and have to grind it out."

Draper predicts that Calgary or Regina will likely be the team's

toughest opponents, but sees Regina as a bigger threat.

"Regina is going to surprise Calgary this weekend," commented Draper. He predicts that Calgary, with strong individual talent, will be have an unpleasant surprise when they step onto the ice against the more team-minded Regina Cougars.

And his players tend to agree.

"Regina has good team coordination, with size and strength," said Pandas goaltender Stacy McCullough. "They really play a physical game."

Barring a dose of overconfidence or, on the other extreme, pre-game jitters, the Pandas are set to play a dominant role in this weekend's tournament, where the Canada West champions will be crowned and the road paved for that team to continue on to where every team wants to be: at the CIAU Nationals.

"We all know what it feels like to win, and we all know what it feels like to lose," said Dubyk. "And we like winning a lot better."

Bears off to tame Bobcats

Keith Justik

SPORTS STAFF

Do you have anything better to do than to travel to Brandon, Manitoba this weekend?

If you play hockey for the Golden Bears, you don't really have a choice about the flight or three-hour bus ride north to the Canada Games Sportsplex.

An undefeated regular-season road record is within the Bears' reach, a feat that has never been accomplished in Canada West play. Second, having clinched first-place in the West, first-place overall still hangs in the balance.

Both Saskatchewan and Alberta are tied at 39 points.

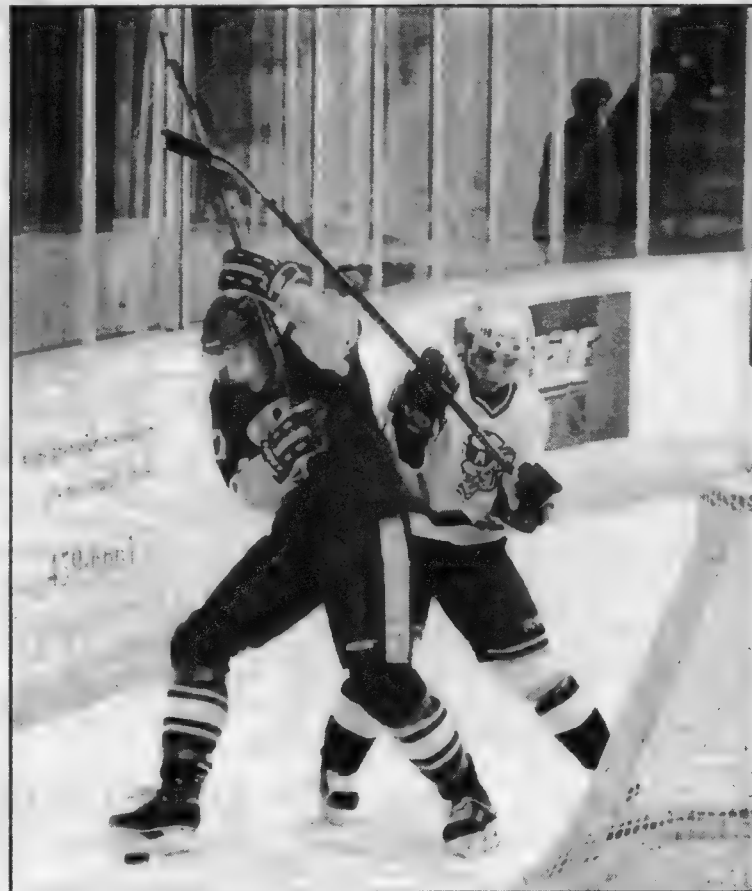
If the teams remain tied at the end of the season, Alberta will get home ice advantage throughout the playoffs. With only four games remaining, there is little room for mistakes.

The second half of the season, traditionally more competitive, has stayed true to its prediction. Thus, the Bears' pace has slowed as of late, tying four of their previous six games. Are there any concerns with the team's play?

"No, not really," said head coach Rob Daum. "There's no reason to panic even though our offensive production has dropped off since the first half [of the season]."

"It's a stage many teams go through," he went on to note. "We've proven in the past we can score and it's only a matter of time before we break out of it."

Because the injury bug has chosen to bite the Bears, Daum will



As the playoffs approach, the Bears are ready to turn up the heat.

Carl Schreuders / THE GATEWAY

have some decisions to make for this weekend's roster. Currently, five Bears are sidelined; Dion Zukiwsky (shoulder), Mike Garrow (knee), and forwards Mike McGhan (shoulder), Chad Gans (knee), and Jeff Ewasko (thigh).

Zukiwsky and Garrow lead defence in scoring and comprise the key powerplay unit. Both are questionable starters as is Bears' spark-plug Mike McGhan.

Regardless of injuries, once 'O Canada' is sung, there are some specific things coach Daum wants to see out of his players.

"I'd like us to finish on our chances better ... we've had a lot of offense lately, but haven't got a lot out of it," said Daum. "Especially on chances that should go in."

Daum hopes that a good showing in not-so-scenic Brandon will jump-start the offence.

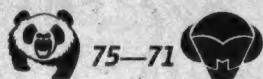


The Pandas basketball team is heading into their last weekend of regular season play before the playoffs. See page 17 for a preview.

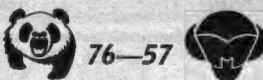
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Pandas basketball ready for Langley

**Alberta Pandas
vs
Manitoba Bisons**



Saturday



Nancy Gregg
SPORTS STAFF

Put your fears to rest, the Pandas basketball team has regained their potency, and appear

to be back in the driver's seat, as they head into their final series of regular season play before hosting Nationals.

After an amazing start to the season marked by a string of victories, the Pandas were struck with a few losses to teams such as the University of British Columbia Thunderbirds, the University of Calgary Dinos, and, most recently, the University of Regina Cougars. After sweeping the University of Manitoba this weekend, however, it would seem that the ladies are in control once again.

Going into the series the Pandas were ranked fourth in the CIAU Top Ten, while their competitors sat unranked.

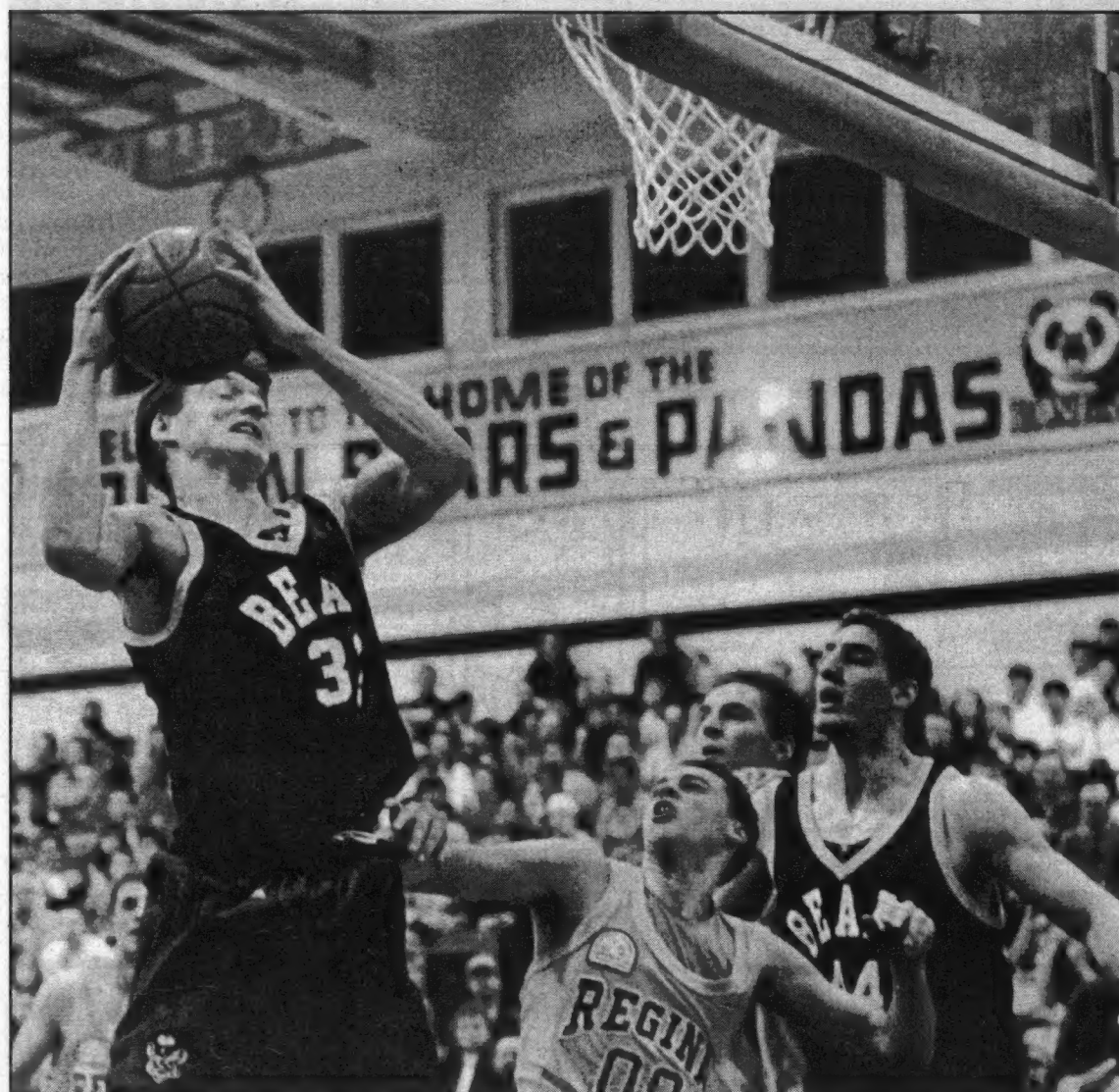
Friday night's score saw

Manitoba at 71, while Alberta earned 75 points. Sara Armstrong was the game's high-scorer with 25 points to her credit, while Manitoba's Cheryl Jean Paul put up 18 points.

Saturday's game allowed U of A to win by a score of 76, as the home team earned 57 points. It was again Manitoba's Cheryl Jean Paul who tallied 21 points, as Alberta's Cathy Butlin put 18 points on the board, including her contribution of four of five from the three-point line.

This weekend marks the final series of regular-season action for the ladies as they head to Langley, BC, to face Trinity Western University, which is presently sixth in CIAU West. Alberta currently sits in third place.

Basketbears go west to challenge lowly Spartans



It shouldn't be much of a stretch to see the Bears down their BC opponents this weekend.

Colwyn Llewellyn-Thomas / THE GATEWAY

Jeremy Shragge
SPORTS STAFF

Nine down, and one to go. With two games remaining in the regular season, the U of A men's basketball team is back on track. This past weekend's victories over the University of Manitoba Bisons, 67-60 and 78-68, represented just the first time this season that the Bears have swept a series on the road. A task, said Alberta head coach Don Horwood, that is always difficult to accomplish.

This Friday and Saturday, the Bears are in Langley, B.C. to take on the lowly warriors of Trinity Western University. With a bottom-of-the-barrel 4-14 record, worst in western Canada (fourth-most futile in the entire country), the TWU Spartans have little chance against the inspired 14-4 Bears.

And inspired they certainly are. After losing two very winnable matches against their Canada West arch-rivals the University of Lethbridge Pronghorns in late November, the Green and Gold entered the fat part of their season with a significant lack of hunger. A weak performance at Ryerson Polytech's Christmas tournament, combined with several blown games against Calgary and UBC early in 2000, had the team on the ropes. The loss to the Dinos, however, seemed to wake the team out of their complacency. The realisation that their considerable talent by itself was not going to be sufficient to take them to the CIAU championships spurred Alberta through an amazing renaissance.

Since that fateful weekend in Calgary, the Bears have been on fire: winning seven in a row and three out of four on the road.

Currently ranked fifth in the national Coaches Poll, Alberta sits second in the Canada West conference, four points clear of third-place UBC.

The squad that finishes in the bridesmaid's spot joins the conference champion Pronghorns (who are also ranked number-one in Canada) in a first-round playoff bye. The Bears' magic number stands at one; therefore, any combination of a Thunderbird loss or U of A win will clinch second place and home court in the Canada West/Great Plains semi-finals, scheduled for February 25, 26 and/or 27.

Should Alberta lose both games to the pious Spartans and if UBC manages to take two from Manitoba, the Bears will finish third in their conference and host a quarter-finals series next weekend.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Sarah Haddow / THE GATEWAY

Name: Jenny Cartmell
Nicknames: Jenny Penny, Thunder-Thighs
Sport: Pandas volleyball
Year: 5
Position: Left side
Hometown: Sherwood Park, AB
Birthday: November 25, 1977
Faculty: Physical Education
Favorite food: Homemade lasagna
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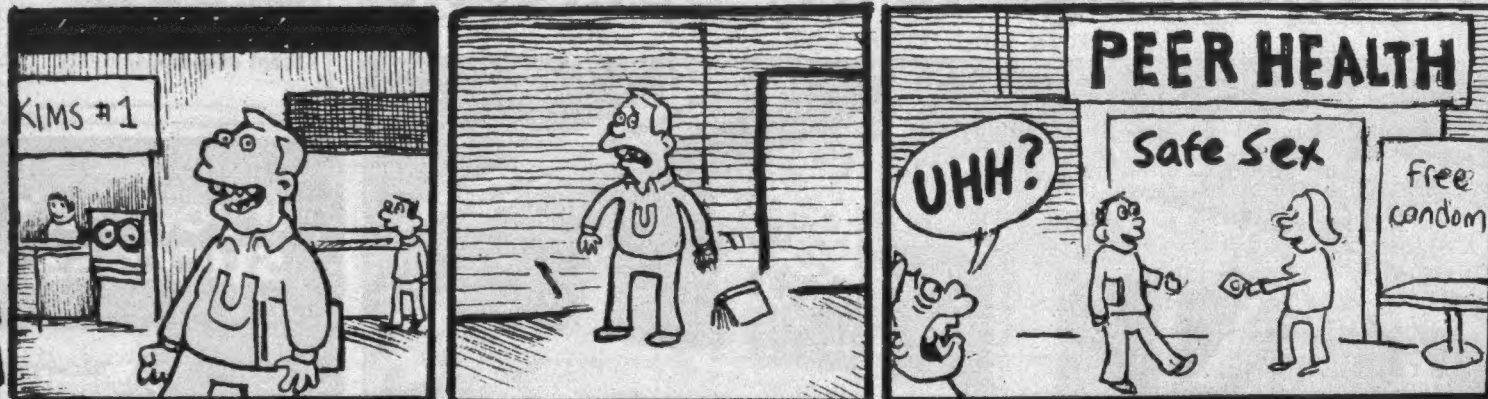
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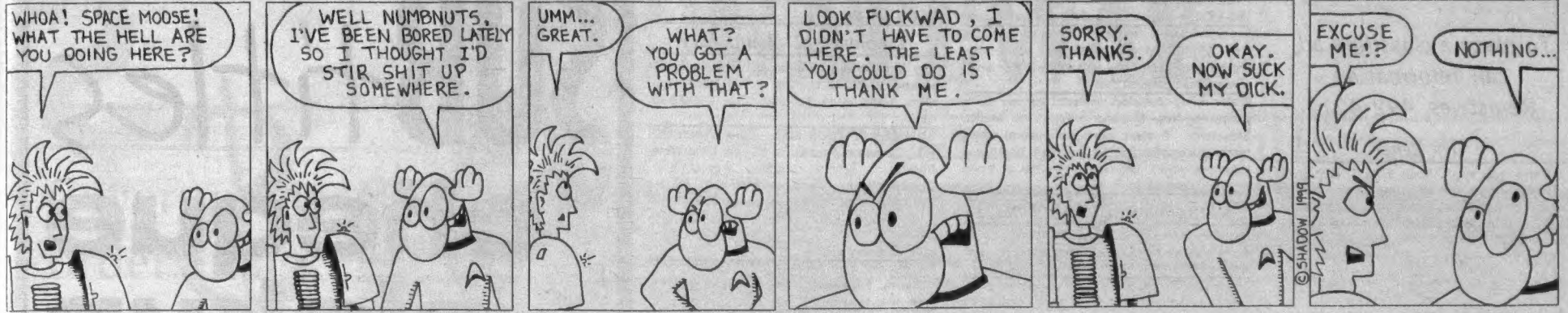
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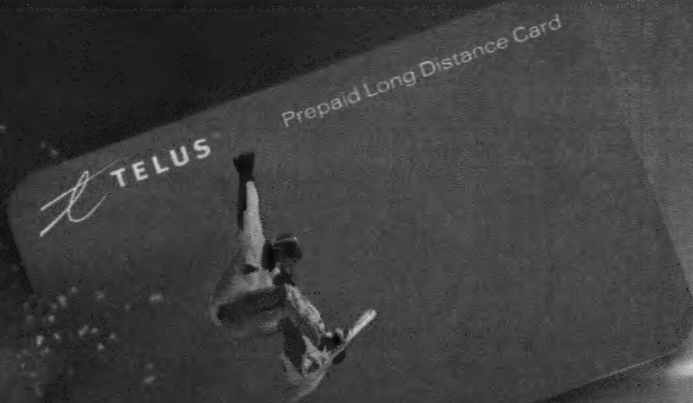
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